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MINUTES.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 9TH.

TUESDAY EVENING, May 9th, 1916, the people of Xenia opened their hearts and homes to the members of the Women's General Missionary Society assembled in Convention for the thirty-third time.

Mrs. C. W. Comin, of Jeanette, Pa., First Vice President, presided and led in the Devotional Service. Following an anthem by the choir, Mrs. Comin spoke on the theme: "Christ—Our King." Singing and responsive services preceded prayer by Rev. D. D. Dodds, pastor of the Convention Church.

Mrs. George Moore, Editor of the Women's Missionary Magazine, and Dr. Joseph Kyle, President of the Theological Seminary, extended a most hearty welcome from Xenia, Xenia Presbyterial and the Seminary to the visiting delegates and friends. Mrs. Samuel Yourd, President of the Women's Board, responded to the greetings. A portion of the 122nd Psalm was given in unison by the delegates as their response.

An anthem by the choir was followed by the introduction of the President, Miss Lillian Robertson, of Spokane, Wash., by Mrs. Comin. *Missionary Fundamentals* was the subject of Miss Robertson's address. She emphasized four important things necessary for the progress of the missionary enterprise: *First.* The necessity of realizing that the human family is a unit. *Second.* Knowledge of the field. *Third.* We must know the message (A Saviour for the people). *Fourth.* Without Christ we can do nothing. This fourth point was also given as the keynote of this Convention.

Dr. Ferguson, pastor Second Church, Xenia, Ohio, led in prayer, after which the President declared the Convention in session, and named the following Credential Committee: Mrs. John A. Henderson, Xenia; Mrs. W. J. Buchanan, Monmouth; Mrs. Thos. Scott, Idaho.

After the benediction the Convention adjourned and spent a pleasant hour in social intercourse before going to their places of entertainment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

8:45—Morning devotions were led by Mrs. J. W. Harsha. Christ—Your Shepherd, the theme. Responsive reading from the Gospel of John, Twenty-third Psalm repeated in concert and prayer by Mrs. Hare and Mrs. J. Knox Montgomery.

The President presented the program with corrections which, on motion of Mrs. Campbell, was adopted. The minutes were read and on motion adopted. The Credential Committee presented a partial report. Roll was called showing the following officers, delegates and life members present:

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Mrs. W. I. Wishart.
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Lucy Stitt Wallace.
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Mrs. Samuel Yourd.

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Mrs. T. C. White, Muskingum.
Mrs. J. C. Kennedy, Pawnee.

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Mrs. J. T. Stewart, Pittsburg, Kans.
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Miss Mary Elliott, Mercer.
Miss Kate Hill, India.

TELLERS.
Mrs. T. M. Stott, Oregon.
Miss Edith Galbreath, Butler.
Miss Rachel Magil, Allegheny.
Miss Edna Giffin, Chartiers.
Miss Ella Clark, Cedar Rapids.

On motion of Mrs. Campbell, all foreign missionaries were enrolled and given all the privileges of the Convention.

The report of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. John S. Crawford, was heard and on motion adopted.

The report of the Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Maurice Trimble, was read. As usual this report showed many societies negligent in sending in their blanks. Also showed more than 170 congregations had no missionary organizations. Report on motion adopted.

The report of Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer, was read showing the total receipts for the year to be $229,400.00, thus the second year passing the $200,000.00 mark. All obligations met and all balances on the right side of the ledger. Report adopted.

Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Secretary of Finance, gave report. Ten societies were helped from the Isaiah 41:6 Fund this year. Mrs. Wilson recommended that in the future any society desiring help from this fund would make application not later than February 1st, sending name and address of its delegate not later than April 1st. Contributions to this fund this year were $533.90. Delegates were urged to see that their Presbyterial contributed to the contingent fund. Report adopted.

After short discussion of reports Mrs. J. P. White, of Albia, Iowa, took charge of the "Quiet Hour." The More Abundant Life was her subject. Christ within us is the necessary thing for fruit-bearing. * * * He is the vine, we are the branches. Requests for special prayer were many.

The report of Mrs. Cook, Secretary of of the Home work, showed that missionaries were granted to five new stations, that 12,000 calls had been made by the workers under the Home Mission work of the W. G. M. S., exclusive of Mountaineer work. Special work for the coming year is the erection of the Elizabeth D. Brown dormitory at Frenchburg at an approximate cost of $16,000.00, furnishing and maintenance of same, including present workers and one additional teacher. Support of present city missionaries and workers among the aliens and probably several new missionaries. Amount required $40,000.00. On motion this report was adopted.

By common consent the report of the Thank-Offering Secretary, Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, was given at this time in place of the one in regular order. This report showed the societies advancing along the line of liberal giving. Report adopted.

The morning session was adjourned with benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:00—A conference of Thank-Offering bearers was held.

1:30—Mrs. S. Boyd Johnson led the afternoon devotional service. "Christ—the Way" being the subject. Mrs. J. L. Acheson, of Wisconsin, and Mrs. H. L. Henderson of Crawfordsville, Iowa, leading in prayer.

Mrs. M. H. Copeland, the Second Vice President, presided during the afternoon session.

Mrs. Samuel Yourd, Freedmen's Secretary, in her report took us to the various mission stations in an imaginary air ship, gathering up the interesting things regarding the work on the way. Report adopted.

Mrs. Alter, the Field Secretary, gave her report in which she presented an acrostic exercise on the Standard of Efficiency which, if used in local societies, will doubtless be beneficial. Report adopted.

Miss Ida B. Little, Secretary of Young Women's Work, presented her report which showed many encouraging things; thirty societies, however, had sent in no report. On motion report was adopted.

The report of Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Secretary of Junior Work, was read. Three hundred and ninety-four Women's Missionary Societies are without any Junior Society, 1153 Juniors became members of the church the past year, 49 new societies were organized; 15 were on the honor roll contributing over $100.00. The special work for the Juniors for the coming year will be the support of the Bible women in India. Amount asked for, $2500.00. Report on motion adopted.

The report of the Women's Association was given by Mrs. W. J. Steele showing a wonderful work being done by the three institutions under its care. Report adopted.

Report of the Credential Committee was heard showing 232 accredited delegates present. Report adopted. Later additions to the roll brought the total up to 268.

In the Quiet Hour, Mrs. J. P. White led us to understand how essential prayer was and how near we can get to our Lord and how much can be accomplished through prayer.

At the close of this hour the Convention body was divided into ten groups for the Relay Conferences which were presided over by the various members of the Women's Board.

After an hour and a half of helpful exchange of thought, the Convention adjourned by repeating in concert the benediction.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The keynote of the Thank-Offering service which was led by Mrs. Porter, the Thank-Offering Secretary, was "In Everything Give Thanks;" the subject of the service was "Voices of Thanksgiving."

The service was a very unusual one and as we listened to the voices from the choir, the congregation, the children, young women, Thank-Offering bearers and voices from afar, we were impressed with the thought of the large host of workers in the Lord's vineyard and of the abundant harvest which might be gathered The voices of the children as they came in singing the songs from the Children's Praise were especially sweet. Their responses to the Call of the Hours as the clock rung out the time were very impressive and their little pink Thank-Offering boxes swinging on their arms told where offerings had been treasured.

The procession of young women as they filed on and off the platform sing-

ing praises to God gave us hope for the future prosperity of our women's work for the Kingdom. The Thank-Offering bearers came to the front singing as they placed the amount of the offerings at the platform. At the close of the Consecration prayer by the President, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Porter announced the amount of the offerings by Presbyterials, the total amount being $70,176.21, including offerings from the foreign fields.

A pageant conducted by Miss Kate Hill. of India, concluded the exercises of the evening: Village life, the missionary on her itinerary visiting the homes and a Thank-Offering service were portrayed by the missionaries present, and their helpers, in costume.

A deep and lasting impression was left with the large audience which gave rapt attention throughout the evening.

THURSDAY MORNING.

8:45—Mrs. F. E. Dean conducted the morning devotions with "Christ—Your Light" as the subject.

The minutes were read and on motion adopted.

Mrs. J. D. Sands, Parsonage Secretary, presented her report which on motion was adopted.

Mrs. Hill read the report on Ministerial Relief which was adopted.

The report of Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Secretary of Indian work showed the past year to have been one of greater progress than ever before since the present Secretary has had charge. Twenty-seven Indians have professed their faith in Christ and united with the Church. The Secretary asked that societies do not forget this department of work when making their contributions. Report on motion adopted.

A discussion of reports was followed by the Quiet Hour, Mrs. White having charge. Our relation to Christ in personal service was the thought dwelt upon. Christ is the vine, we are the branches. We are needed in God's plan for the world. There can be no fruit without the branch. Do not let money giving be a substitute for service. The more we get to know Christ the more we want others to know Him. Work and pray for the uninterested women of our denomination were some of the helpful thoughts presented in this service.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received. Two names for each office for the President, Vice Presidents and Secretary, five for the Board of Directors and two for the Magazine Committee were presented Their being no further nominations from the floor, the roll was called and the Convention proceeded with the election.

The report of Secretary of Literature, Miss Elizabeth Milligan, showed a marked advance in many lines. It recommended that a Prayer Cycle in the hands of every member of the society be an additional point in the Standard of Efficiency. A plea was made for the services of talented persons in preparing Christian literature. A gift of $20.00 from a friend for the purchase of literature to be sent to our missionaries was reported, also the preparation for print of the Pageant used at the Spokane Convention by Mrs. Haidee Ewing Rankin. Report was adopted. A motion that a vote of thanks be sent by the Literature Secretary to the friend contributing the $20.00 and to Mrs. Rankin carried.

Miss Carrie Reed reported the work of the Junior Magazine and made a plea for at least a 10,000 mailing list. Report adopted.

Mrs. S. M. Kelso gave the Magazine Treasurer's report which was on motion adopted.

Mrs. Kelso after serving twenty-one

years as Treasurer of the Magazine recently resigned, and Miss Hazel Flagg was appointed to take her place. Those present who had served on the Magazine Committee in its earlier years were called to the platform. Mrs. A. W. Jamieson, Mrs. W. C. Hutchison, Mrs. Caruthers, Mrs. Magruder and Miss Sarah Reid; Miss Mabel McConnell who attends to the mailing list and Mr. Smith, the publisher, were also present.

A surprise awaited Mrs. Kelso as she finished speaking of her pleasant association with these workers. Mrs. George Moore in her usual happy manner presented to Mrs. Kelso a beautiful bar pin of twenty-one stones in memory of the twenty-one years of her faithful service. Rose bouquets were presented to Mrs. Kelso, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Moore and Miss Melinda Pressley, one of the honorary presidents of the W. G. M. S. A young lady ,Janet Ballantyne, carrying an umbrella came in and seated herself in front of the platform to wait for the mail carriers who brought the shower of subscriptions for the Magazine. One thousand subscriptions were received. Mrs. Moore in her report asked that the enthusiasm of the shower be carried back to the societies and that the good work go on. She paid a high tribute to the work of Mrs. Kelso. Report was adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell that the President of the Convention, President of the Board, the Thank-Offering Secretary, Junior Secretary and all the missionaries form a Committee to distribute the Junior Exhibit now on display at the Convention. Carried. The amount of the congregational offering on Thank-Offering evening was $112.42.

Adjourned repeating benediction in unison.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30—"Christ—Our Guide" was the subject of the afternoon devotions led by Mrs. Belle Blackwood.

Report of the tellers was heard showing the following persons to be elected:

President: Mrs. R. A. Elliott, Cambridge, Ohio.

First Vice President: Mrs. Ben R. McClellan, Xenia, Ohio.

Second Vice President: Mrs. R. J. Hutton, Detroit, Mich.

Secretary: Mrs. J. T. Logue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Board of Directors: Miss Elizabeth Milligan, Mrs. Samuel Yourd, Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Mrs. John S. Crawford, Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble.

Magazine Committee: Mrs. George Moore, Miss Hazel Flagg.

The report of the Temperance work was given by Mrs. R. C. Morton. The statement that 147 had signed the pledge cards at Frenchburg provoked applause. Report was adopted.

The Foreign Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, gave a report filled with encouraging statements. It is expected that six missionaries now in this country and six new missionaries will sail for the foreign fields in September. The newly appointed missionaries are Mrs. Nannie Finney, Miss Jeannette Lois McCrory and Miss Florence A. Hutchison to Egypt; Miss Louise Edna Scott, Miss N. Elizabeth Sidwell to India; and Miss Edna Myrtle McKeown to the Sudan. Report adopted.

The Quiet Hour was again a time of refreshing as Mrs. White showed us how we might have the peace and joy which Christ gives, how we might give it to others and how His power may be in the lives of workers if they fulfill the conditions.

A most helpful discussion was held on

the problems of the Young Women's Work under the leadership of Mrs. Donald Kirkpatrick; Miss Margaret Adams, Mrs. Paul Lytle, Miss Altar Floyd and Mrs. J. B. Hall taking part. Methods in the local society were discussed by Mrs. Jean L. Williams, Mrs. John Heslip and Mrs. Harry Douglass. Methods in Literature was the theme of papers by Miss Elizabeth Milligan and Mrs. F. W. Anderson. Mrs. H. L. Finley, of Egypt, told the pitiful story of a Coptic mother in Egypt as written by Miss Rena Hogg.

Adjourned with benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Missionary Night.

7:30—The Evening Devotions were led by Miss Josephine White, of India, "Christ—Our Peace" as the subject. A telegram of greetings was received from W. M. S. of Miami Classes of Ohio of the Reformed Church of the United States in session at Miamisburg. Motion that Secretary send suitable response, carried.

President introduced the presiding officers of the evening, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. W. S. Cook, Mrs. Samuel Yourd and Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson.

Before presenting the missionaries, a quartette of African students from Wilberforce University sang several songs. Mrs. H. C. Campbell has been a member of the Women's Board for thirty years and as a token of appreciation, she was presented with a pearl brooch and a beautiful bunch of roses. Mrs. Campbell was quite overcome but responded feelingly.

The following missionaries were then introduced by their various secretaries and spoke ten minutes each on the various phases of their work: Mrs. W. J. Brandon of India; Mrs. T. M. Elliott, Freedmen; Mrs. Dr. Finley, Egypt; Rev. Albert Weidler, Frenchburg; Mrs. Luella T. Tidrick, Sudan; Mrs. R. G. Smith, Indian; Mrs. Mae Daugherty, City Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews of Simnasho, Oregon, were introduced, also the two new missionaries were presented, Miss Jeannette L. McCrory who goes to Egypt and Miss Edna M. McKeown who goes to the Sudan.

The Re-consecration service for the missionaries was led by Mrs. Cook after which Mrs. Campbell gave a brief charge to the missionaries. The Quartette sang, the offering was lifted and session was closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Albert Weidler.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The devotional service of the closing morning was led by Miss Sarah J. Reid, "Christ—My All," being the subject; Mrs. Nairn, Mrs. Dobbins and Mrs. Porter leading in prayer. Minutes were read and adopted.

The Committee on Place in its report recommended the acceptance of the cordial invitations received from Arkansas Valley Presbyterial and the United Presbyterian congregation of Sterling, Kans., for the Convention of 1917. Motion to accept report, carried.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. RESOLVED—That the members of the Convention are grateful to our heavenly Father for His kind and watchful care over us all in our travel to this beautiful city where the atmosphere is filled with United Presbyterianism, and we ask for His continued protection as we return to our homes.

2. RESOLVED—That as members of the W. G. M. S. we thank the heavenly Father for the trust and confidence

shown in United Presbyterian women in the care of 92 foreign missionaries, 26 home missionaries, 50 freedmen missionaries and 3 Indian missionaries.

3. RESOLVED—That we shall pray for the more abundant life and for a deeper prayer life, knowing that without Christ we are nothing, but through Christ we can render acceptable service and surrender our lives more fully to Him. We feel that with Christ our prayers will do much toward bringing into the Women's Missionary Societies the 55,000 women outside and in obtaining the 16000 subscribers to the Women's Missionary Magazine.

4. RESOLVED—That the members of the W. G. M. S. Convention of 1916 extend their heartfelt thanks to the President and other officers of the Convention, to the Local Executive Committee and to our Xenia sisters who have labored so untiringly for the success of the Convention and for our happiness and comfort, to the young ladies who acted as ushers, to the choir, to the Juniors who prepared the material for the exhibit, to those who placed it and to the women of the Reformed Church who served the meals so promptly and bountifully.

5. RESOLVED—That while we rejoice with humble hearts for all we have accomplished, yet we must not be unmindful of the open doors before us and the responsibility of the opportunities that are ours. Where hundreds have heard His name proclaimed by our workers in all our fields, there are thousands who have not heard. Although hundreds of girls are found in our schools, there are thousands for whom we should provide. Our dispensaries in all lands have served many, yet, there are multitudes that need our ministration.

May enlarged vision bring into our lives deeper consecration, faithfulness in prayer and in every effort for the coming of His Kingdom.

6. RESOLVED—That it is the desire of the Convention that all members of all missionary societies of the United Presbyterian Church should unite in prayer for peace in the lands across the sea.

7. RESOLVED—That the Convention congratulate the American Bible Society on its centennial anniversary, recognizing the great work it has done for the American Mission in India and Egypt.

MRS. R. J. HUTTON.
L. MARY ELLIOTT.
KATE A. HILL.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was heard and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. Appreciating the peace and inspiration that has come to us, through the Quiet Hour services of this Convention, and realizing that our chief source of power comes from vital union with Christ, we recommend that special attention be given to this phase of each Convention.

II. We recommend that the Conventions of the W. G. M. S. be convened the Friday following the second Tuesday of May, and continue over Sabbath that the number of sessions be increased to ten, and be extended as the work of the organization demands.

III. In order that there may be a broad representation on our program, it is recommended that Presbyterials report the names of delegates not later than January 1st.

IV. There being a difficulty in deciding the matter of promotion of the members of the Y. W. S. into the W. M. S., we recommend the time of promotion be at marriage.

V. It is recommended that the President of the Convention be elected First Vice President for the succeeding year.

VI. We recommend that each delegate here present urge the societies in her Presbyterial to place Senior and Junior Thank-Offering boxes in every home.

VII. It is recommended that in the annual ingatherings in our local congregations that more general use be made of the programs prepared by our Thank-Offering General Secretary, and that the Young Women and Juniors be given a part in the service.

VIII. We recommend that the following be made an article in the Standard of Efficiency, namely, that the entire membership of a congregation be canvassed for subscriptions to our Women's Missionary Magazine; that a list of homes be kept; that a list of subscribers and the date of expiration of their subscriptions be recorded; that prompt renewals as well as a systematic, faithful canvass for new subscriptions be made, and that a generous per cent. in the Standard of Efficiency be allowed.

IX. The following revision is recommended in the Standard of Efficiency: Point 2, Section C, contributions to all departments of W. G. M. S. equal at least to those of previous year. Point 4, a definite share in home or foreign missionaries' salaries. Point 5, (a) a prayer circle to meet at stated times, or at the call of president. (b) A prayer cycle in the hands of every member. Point 8, Section A, a Young Women's Missionary Society, or a group of girls or young women, in the congregation contributing to some department of our women's work.

On motion report was considered seriatim.

On motion Recommendations 4 and 5 were lost. Motion that Recommendation 8 be adopted was amended so as to allow its embodiment in No. 6 of the Standard of Efficiency. Amendment carried. Recommendations as amended were on motion adopted as a whole.

The following notice was read by Mrs. John S. Crawford, Recording Secretary of the Board: The Corporation meeting will be held May 26th, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock in the Assembly Room, ninth floor Publication Building, Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Wilson, Secretary of Finance, moved that a vote of thanks be given the Magazine Committee for the beautiful souvenir programs. Motion carried by rising vote.

The President after thanking all who had in any way contributed to the success of the Convention, introduced the new officers, members of the Board and Magazine Committee.

Memorial thoughts were given by Miss Josephine Martin as the missionaries and those especially interested in missionary work who have passed away the past year were mentioned: Dr. Stewart, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Sue Cooper White McArthur, Rev. Dr. Finney, Will Martin and Miss Ina Law Robertson.

The last of the Quiet Hours was again occupied by Mrs. J. P. White in bringing to us thoughts on the Surrendered Life. The quiet, peaceful meditation and the self-examination, together with the feeling of nearness to the Saviour will long be remembered by those who were privileged to listen to this spiritual leader.

The closing words were given by Mrs. Alter.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Convention adjourned by repeating a part of the 90th Psalm.

LILLIAN M. ROBERTSON, President.
MRS. J. T. LOGUE, Secretary.

REPORT OF

RECORDING SECRETARY.

JOSHUA 1:9—"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

In bringing to you this, our Annual Report, we humbly acknowledge the wonderful goodness of God. That He has kept us from entanglement in the dreadful war now raging in Europe, and enabled us to go forward as soldiers of the Cross.

Let us praise God and pray for a new spirit of separation unto service, and an entire surrender of ourselves to Christ, which will enable us to become worthy embassadors for Him and the work He has committed unto us.

Our meetings have been regular and well attended; sickness or death of loved ones keeping some of us from our meetings at times.

On June 29th, 1915, the Women's Board was reorganized with the following officers and department secretaries:

President, Mrs. H. C. Campbell; First Vice President, Mrs. Samuel Yourd; Second Vice President, Miss Jennie H. Clark; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hill; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John S. Crawford.

Department Secretaries: Miss Jennie H. Clark, Statistical Secretary; Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Foreign; Mrs. W. S. Cook, Home; Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Indian and Finance; Mrs. J. D. Sands, Parsonage; Mrs. Samuel Yourd, Freedmen; Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, Thank-Offering; Mrs. R. C. Morton, Temperance; Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Junior; Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Literature; Miss Ida B. Little, Young Women's; Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble, Ministerial Relief; Miss Carrie M. Reed, Editor and Business Manager Junior Magazine; Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble, Railroad Secretary; Mr. A. F. Sawhill, Auditor; Mr. W. A. Wilson, Attorney; Mrs. Alter, Field Secretary.

At our meeting, July 6th, Mrs. Campbell respectfully declined her election as President and insisted that her resignation be accepted. Mrs. Campbell's request was respected, and Mrs. Yourd was elected President of the Board, which office she has successfully filled during the year.

Mrs. Porter was then elected First Vice President. The committees for 1915 and 1916 were appointed as follows:

EXECUTIVE—Mrs. Yourd, Mrs. Porter, Miss Clark, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Wilson.

FINANCE—Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Trimble.

EDITORIAL—Miss Milligan, Miss Reed, Miss Little, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Porter.

JUNIOR—Mrs. Milliken, Mrs. Porter, Miss Reed, Miss Little.

MISSIONARY APPLICATION—Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Yourd.

PRINTING—Mrs. Trimble, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Milliken, Mrs. Cook.

ADDRESSES—Miss Clark, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Crawford.

ROOMS—Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hill, Miss Milligan.

We very earnestly desire that every Presbyterial here represented will assist our Statistical Secretary in the organization of Missionary Societies in congregations, within their bounds, that have not

such an organization, and thus enable us to do greater work for the Master.

August 2, 1915, the Women's Board was represented at the New Wilmington Conference by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Porter, Miss Reed, Miss Little and Mrs. Crawford, who were in session with the Foreign Board and missionaries present.

At our September meeting Mrs. Campbell reported what she knew of the burning of the Athenia, and of the safety of our United Presbyterian missionaries who had sailed on that vessel. They were Rev. J. G. Hunt, Rev. and Mrs. Jamison, Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Henderson and two children, Miss Edna Giffen, Miss Ruth Eddy, Miss Helen J. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilkerson and Treva and Mrs. Anna M. Burns.

Mrs. Campbell was delegated to meet the missionaries from the Athenia when they landed in New York and supply the needs of the young women of the party with necessary clothing. The Tuscania, the vessel that rescued our missionaries from the burning Athenia, docked on Tuesday evening, September 21st, and on the following day the entire missionary party met with Doctors Watson and Anderson and Mr. Latimer of the Foreign Board, and Mrs. H. C. Campbell of the Women's Board and expressed their willingness to start out again at the earliest opportunity, having perfect faith in the protecting care of the heavenly Father Whom they serve.

Mrs. Campbell reported that everything was insured except a box sent to the Sudan.

A manifesto will be prepared by Dr. Anderson, and hereafter packages sent out will be paid for by the sender.

The 25th Anniversary of the Shady Side Women's Missionary Society was celebrated, November 18th, 1915, and the members of the Women's Board, as many as possibly could, accepted their kind invitation and rejoiced with them. Mrs. Yourd, the President, bearing greetings and Mrs. Campbell, our charter member, responding to the toast.

Early in December, we were notified by the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States, that Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter had been appointed as the representative of our Board on the General Advisory Commission, which action was approved by our Board.

At our regular meeting, December 7th, we received the resignation of Miss Clark, and the Board very reluctantly accepted, as Miss Clark found it impossible to continue on the Board on account of pressing home duties.

Mrs. Cook has been appointed Vice President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, and Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Wilson attended the Home Mission Council in Atlanta, Ga., January 5th and 6th, and on their return Mrs. Cook gave a full and interesting report of the work.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Porter were appointed delegates to attend the Conference of the Foreign Boards at Garden City, January 10th, and were also appointed delegates to the Interdenominational Conference in New York City, January 8th and 9th, but were providentially hindered.

On December 21st, 1915, Mrs. Trimble was elected Statistical Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Clark.

Mrs. Milliken was appointed to attend the Annual Convention of the Young People's Christian Union to be held in Philadelphia, June 30th, and will have a place on the program.

At our regular meeting, March 21st, Mrs. J. Howard Maxwell was elected a

member of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Clark, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Trimble were appointed to notify Mrs. Maxwell, and it gives us great pleasure to report our number complete.

Miss Milligan and Mrs. Cook will represent the work of the Women's General Missionary Society at the meeting of General Assembly at Cleveland, Ohio, Mary 24th, 1916.

The office of Secretary of Ministerial Relief has been abolished. Those contributing, however, will still do so as the department will continue as formerly.

We have held twenty-two regular, two executive and three special meetings during the year and two hundred and thirteen addresses have been made by the members of the Board.

The resignation of Mrs. S. M. Kelso, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Magazine was accepted with regret and our grateful thanks are due Mrs. Kelso for her excellent services during the past twenty-one years.

Miss Hazel Flagg recommended by the Magazine Committee was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Kelso's resignation.

The term of offices of Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Mrs. Samuel Yourd, Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Mrs. John S. Crawford and Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble expires with this meeting.

The success in the various departments with which our work has been blessed encourages us to look forward to the future with faith and courage and begin the new year's work trusting in Him Who has said, "Lo, I am with you alway."

MRS. JOHN S. CRAWFORD,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

A REVIEW of statistics would seem, at first glance to most people a very tiresome occupation, and, it is true that a survey of figues is interesting usually, only to the person of mathematical mind.

But missionary figures are different; to one who loves missions they are as compelling as the pages of a romance. Into them can be read tales of loyalty and indifference, generosity and selfishness; out of them can be evolved history; in this particular case, a record of the Women's Work of the United Presbyterian Church.

To any who are skeptical on this point, to any who still regard our Statistical Report as a dry-as-dust composition existing chiefly for the purpose of publishing the addresses of the Presbyterial Officers, I recommend a conscientious, painstaking study of it—an honest effort to really understand it.

And I wish to say that the best commentary on the Statistical Report, the most informing, illuminating exposition of its numerous columns is the Women's Missionary Magazine. If you study the former by the aid of the latter, then, indeed, will the total amount at the foot of each column be doubled and trebled as the years go by. Because if we know, we will pray, and if we pray, we will give and the time will come and that speedily when the kingdoms of this

world shall be the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

I want to thank the secretaries for their cooperation; the spirit shown has been a wonderful inspiration in this, my first work in this department.

Most of the reports were sent in promptly. A few were really late enough to be excluded; but your Secretary was lenient this year because it was her first and she was anxious to make allowance in your favor for her inexperience. One report Uncompahgre came May 8th entirely too late to get the benefit even of this extension of time. This society has four Women's Societies and fifty members. One new society has been organized this year in this Presbytery. Let us resolve to strive for punctuality next year.

Eighty-five societies in self-supporting churches have reported in the column under the heading "Congregational Work in Home Mission Churches." By order of the Convention of 1915 the report of congregational work in these societies amounting to $4112, has no place in the annals of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Before giving any statistics I wish to speak of the organization movement instituted last year. I shall repeat here the statement made in a circular letter sent to the societies: "There are more than 170 congregations throughout the church having no Women's Missionary Society. If any of these congregations are in your Presbytery will you make some effort to change this condition?"

A study of the column of the Statistical Report reveals the fact that we must urge greater interest in the regular work of the Women's General Missionary Society. Something radical must be done to increase the total amounts of certain columns. On the other hand, one or two columns might be abandoned with profit to our work. I should like to see the Convention take action on these points.

Five new Women's Societies have been organized this year; 2011 new members are reported; 6816 magazines are taken; 819 boxes have been distributed with an estimated value of $10,320.

164 Societies have reported on the Standard of Efficiency. Those having the highest averages are the following:

San Francisco Presbytery, Oakland Society, average 100 per cent.

Delaware Presbytery, Walton Society, average 100 per cent.

Arkansas Valley Presbytery, Sterling Society, average 100 per cent.

Sidney Presbytery, Huntsville Society, average 95 per cent.

Colorado Presbytery, Ft. Morgan Society, average 95 per cent.

Des Moines Presbytery, 1st Des Moines Society, average 95 per cent.

Chartiers Presbytery, Venice Society, average 95 per cent.

Philadelphia Presbytery, 5th Philadelphia Society, average 90 per cent.

Muskingum Presbytery, 2nd Cambridge Society, average 90 per cent.

Twenty-nine Presbyterial Societies have contributed to the W. G. S. Expense Fund to the amount of $199.35.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

General Statement.

Year Ending April 15, 1916.

AMERICA.

No. Presbyteries	64
No. Pres. Missionary Societies	63
No. Pres. Miss. Societies Reporting	62
No. Women's Societies	820
No. Members	22446
No. Young Women's Societies	310
No. Members	7201
No. Junior Societies	430

No. Members	12509
No. Little Light Bearers' Societies	64
No. Members	1350
Total Number Societies	1624

FOREIGN.

No. Presbyteries	11
No. Presbyterial Societies	9
No. Presbyterial Societies Reporting	6
No. Women's Societies	32
No. Members	900
No. Young Women's Societies	4
No. Members	407
No. Junior Societies	17
No. Members	1444
Total Number Societies	53
Total Number Members	2751

SUMMARY.

Total Number Societies in America	1624
Total Number Societies—Foreign	53
Grand Total	1677
Total Number Members in America	43506
Total Number Members—Foreign	2751
Grand Total	46257

The Contributions reported on the blanks were as follows:

AMERICA.

Foreign Missions	$ 11,750.00
Foreign Salaries	23,576.00
Home Missions	9,591.00
Indian Work	2,179.00
Freedmen's Missions	4,561.00
Church Extension and Parsonage	2,291.00
Ministerial Relief	1,257.00
Junior Special Work	34.00
Presbyterial Expense Fund	2,043.00
Temperance	824.00
Senior Thank-Offering	48,091.53
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	421.35
Total	$105,609.88

FOREIGN.

Regular Offering	$ 662.00
Thank-Offering	540.44
Total	$ 1,202.44

We close the report with gratitude for the success attained this year and the hope that next year will see far greater things.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. MAURICE TRIMBLE,
Statistical Secretary.

REPORT OF

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

IN REVIEWING the accounts of this and of preceding years, finding all obligations met and in each instance a worthy balance to our credit, we are led to exclaim with the good old prophet Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and we continue with courage for the future saying, "And He will help us still."

In talking to societies I find many women who do not understand our Loans and Investment Department, and for their benefit let me repeat that this department was created in order that needy missionary congregations might be helped to have better houses of worship. The money is loaned to them at a 4½ per cent. basis the first year and a 5 per cent. rate, together with some payment on the principal at each interest bearing period thereafter. I regret to report that some of the congregations receiving the benefit of these loans are making no effort to pay either principal or interest. A few are keeping up their interest only and the others—in them we delight—can be depended upon at the regular times for both principal and interest.

No applications have been received for loans during the past year, and we now have fourteen congregations on our

books. From the interest on these loans, together with interest on bank balances, surplus funds, contributions of Presbyterials and friends, sale of Thank-Offering supplies, etc., the Contingent Fund is formed. From this fund is paid all administration expenses, such as rent, printing, stationery, salaries of girls in office, telephone, etc., and we are able once more to report that not a penny contributed for missionary purposes is diverted from its channel. In this respect, I am told, that your Women's Board stands in a class by itself.

Two generous friends remembered this department this year. One, as is her custom, sent a check for $500.00 to help with the salary of a stenographer, and another contributed $15.00.

The congregations have made better payments this year. Six have paid $1036.13 on their loans. Last year the repayment amounted to $793.68. This is encouraging, but is not yet as it should be, if each of our fourteen churches would live up to the conditions agreed upon, when the loan was made.

Thirty-five Presbyterials contributed to the Contingent Fund and we take this opportunity of urging upon each delegate the duty of getting her Presbyterial to contribute to this fund. The Board is your financial agent and is doing your work and the running expenses must be met.

The Isaiah 41:6 Fund is in the second year of its existence and like the good healthy infant it is, it has grown as it should. The idea of having this fund, originated in the hearts of some of our generous minded sisters, who were anxious that each of our sixty-four Presbyterials should be represented at the Annual Convention.

In their travels, they found that some of our smaller Presbyterials seldom, if ever, were able to send a delegate, and to help these weaker sisters the fund was called into existence and a committee from the Women's Board was appointed to distribute it.

This committee has consulted the Statistical Report and made an effort both years to distribute the funds to the societies having the smallest number of members. Correspondence was held with the Presidents of these Presbyterials, offering them the price of the straight railroad ticket, if they desired to send a representative. Also asking them to send the name of the delegate as early as possible so that checks might be forwarded in due time. Some of them reported in plenty of time, but one that had been promised help this year failed to send the name of its delegate, consequently no check could be sent.

To avoid the worry and disappointment of these oversights the committee would recommend that in the future any society desiring the help of this fund, would make application not later than February 1st; sending the name and address of its delegate not later than April 1st.

Last year six Presbyterials were helped. This year the following ten societies have received this benefit: Oklahoma; Pittsburg, Kansas; Brookville; Idaho; Hudson; Texas; LeClaire; Oregon; Albany; Pawnee. And one was omitted because as stated above, the name of the delegate was not forwarded.

The contributions this year amount to $533.90. So the good work goes on and we hope in time that no Presbyterial under the banner of the W. G. M. S. of the United Presbyterian Church

of North America will be obliged to say, "We have never been able to have a delegate to the Annual Convention."

The following is a complete survey of our Loans and Investment accounts, together with a statement of funds received and disbursed in the Contingent Fund:

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

CONGREGATIONS	Balance April 15, 1915	Receipts Principal	Interest	Balance April 15, 1916
Benha Girls' School, Egypt	$ 100.00			$ 100.00
Brockton, Mass.	1425.00		71.26	1425.00
Chartiers, Pa.	2262.05	133.63	166.37	2128.42
Chicago, Third	1800.00		57.00	1800.00
Chicago, Fifth	1554.69	103.00	79.00	1451.69
Chicago, Sixth	600.00		36.00	600.00
Chicago, Eighth	1496.11	100.00	80.10	1396.11
Gary, Ind.	3000.00			3000.00
Grinnell, Iowa	1690.00		84.50	1690.00
Indiana Harbor	3500.00			3500.00
Palisade Ave., N. J.	1075.00	150.00	53.76	925.00
Salineville, Ohio	1050.00	450.00	54.15	600.00
Twelfth, Allegheny	2542.52	100.00	126.00	2442.52
Washtucna, Wash.	400.00			400.00
	$22495.37	$1036.63	$808.14	$21458.74

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on Hand, April 15, 1915	$ 650.08
Balance on Hand, April 15, 1915—Isaiah Fund	333.05
On Account of Loans	1036.13
On Account Interest on Loans	808.14
Interest and Sale of T. O. Supplies	2323.90
Interest on Investments	326.80
Interest on Checking Accounts	395.08
For Convention Expenses	350.00
Salary of Stenographer (A Friend)	500.00
A Friend	15.00
Offering Spokane Convention	21.35
Presbyterials	163.50
Interest on Balances	9.53
Refunds	182.25
Item of Cents	3.48
	$7118.29

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Gen. Treas. on Apr. Loans	$1036.13
Rent	858.00
Junior Magazine	325.00
Office Expenses and Clerk Hire	1521.16
Thank-Offering Supplies	757.08
Convention and Missionary Conference Expenses	645.39
Printing Statistics, Statistical Blanks and Postage	436.72
Stationery	254.06
Treasurer's Bond	50.00
Rent Safety Boxes	22.00
Auditor	100.00
Attorney	60.00
Junior Life Member Certificates and Design	17.50
Printing Treasurer's Report	10.00
Telephone Rent	83.73
Taxes	14.45
Ice	15.10
Isaiah Fund	358.05
	$6564.37
Balance on Hand, April 15, 1916	$ 553.92

The following Presbyterials contributed to the Contingent Fund:

Xenia	$ 10.00
Delaware	5.00
Sidney	1.00
Argyle	5.00
Keokuk	5.00
Mercer	5.00
Philadelphia	5.00
Oklahoma	3.00
Texas	6.00
Garnett	1.50
N. W., Iowa	1.00

Hudson	5.00
Brookville	1.00
Arkansas Valley	5.00
Kansas City	4.00
College Springs	5.00
Los Angeles	5.00
Idaho	1.00
First Ohio	5.00
Southern Illinois	1.00
Muskingum	5.00
Colorado	5.00
Wheeling	5.00
Lake	5.00
Chartiers	5.00
Conemaugh	5.00
Boston	5.00
Kiskiminetas	4.00
Beaver Valley	5.00
Detroit	5.00
Steubenville	5.00
Westmoreland	5.00
Cleveland	5.00
Monongahela	15.00
Cedar Rapids	5.00
	$163.50

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ADA KERR WILSON, Secy.
MRS. H. C. CAMPBELL.
MRS. J. B. HILL.
MRS. MAURICE TRIMBLE.

I have examined the foregoing cash record for the fiscal year ending April 15, 1916, of Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Chairman of Finance Committee, and find it neatly and accurately kept. The account is strictly correct.

A. F. SAWHILL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF

LITERATURE SECRETARY.

HAS literature any real importance in the work of the missionary society? The question may be fairly asked. Examine the Statistical Report of last year and you will note that in the sixty-three Presbyterials, seventeen have appointed no Literature Secretary. In view of what literature has done and is doing for the awakening of interest in the missionary enterprise, this condition seems to signify that it has not been given its true place and its importance has not been fully recognized.

That the literature prepared by our Board may have an opportunity to accomplish the full purpose for which it is intended it is necessary that all Presbyterial and missionary societies cooperate with us in giving it a wider circulation.

During the year our literature was exhibited at the Spokane Convention, at the Women's Congress of Missions in San Francisco and at the Mount Hermon School of Missions in California. We have had exhibits and sale of literature at all Presbyterials where requested. We also had our usual sale at the New Wilmington Conference and distributed and sold it at several interdenominational conferences, and have had considerable demand for it from other denominational boards.

Among the special features of our work this year has been the placing of a complete file of the Board's publications with the presbyterial secretaries of literature. Where there was no secretary the file of literature was sent to the president of the presbyterial society, with the hope that it might lead to the appointing of a literature secretary at the next presbyterial meeting. This file is not for sale and should be kept intact for reference and for display at presbyterials, and when necessary to elect a

new secretary, should be handed on to her unbroken.

Another feature of our work this year was the printing and distribution of between thirty and forty thousand copies of the Standard of Efficiency. This work entailed a great deal of labor and considerable expense; but if it has led to more earnest effort on the part of the local societies, it has been well worth while.

The Nile Mission Press leaflets have been a very attractive addition to our publications and we would bespeak a greatly increased circulation of this valuable literature.

We have been much pleased at the reception the Prayer Cycle has received. The first edition is all but exhausted. The new Prayer Cycle is to be ready for distribution the first of August. Its publication has been delayed thus long in order that the new missionaries, who may receive appointment during the summer, may have a place in the Prayer Cycle, and that the locations of all missionaries may be as accurate as possible.

We also recommend, *"A Prayer Cycle in the hands of every member of the society"* as an additional point in the Standard of Efficiency. There can be nothing more productive of Christian efficiency than the habit of daily, definite prayer for the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. The Cycle has been prepared for denominational purposes presenting the work of every Board of our Church, and should be used by every member of every congregation.

The demand for text-books this year has been gratifying. "The King's Highway" and "Around the World with Jack and Janet" have gained the popularity that was predicted for them. "Home Missions in Action" and "All Along the Trail" have also had a very fair sale.

The new books should be equally popular. "World Missions and World Peace," by Mrs. Mason, brings before us as the moral equivalent of War, the great enterprise of conquering the world for Christ The Junior book, "Soldiers of the Prince," is written by Charles E. Jefferson.

The Home Mission study book is "Old Spain in New America," by Robert McLean. It challenges Home Missionary women to take up the task of bringing about a new era for Latin America. The Junior book is "Children of the Lighthouse," by Charles L. White.

Our newest publication is the story of Bamba. All those who have read, "A Master Builder on the Nile," have already become interested in her and her romantic life. It is written by Mrs. Andrew Watson of our mission in Egypt, which gives an added value to the little booklet.

We would like to add one more to the apostle's list of "diversity of gifts," and that is "the pen of a ready writer." There must be many among our young women who have a talent in this line who could render a valuable service to the cause of Christ by consecrating this gift to the preparation of Christian literature. Will you not help us to discover those who would be willing to dedicate this talent to the work?

The year has marked an advance in many lines; but this has only revealed to us our possibilities, and has called us to a firm resolve to be more faithful and loyal to the trust that is ours.

The following are the statistical and financial statements for the year ending April 30, 1916:

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Leaflets Reprinted	18850
New Leaflets Printed	65075
Total	83925

SUPPLIES SOLD.

SENIOR.

The King's Highway	1044
Home Missions in Action	449
Helps for Study Books	320
Master Builder	19
Women's and Y. W. Envelopes	7100
Prayer Cycles	782
Pictures	417
W. G. M. S. Pins	29
Coronation Pins	10
Missionary Magazines	26
Statistical Report	72
Costumes	60
Leaflets—Junior and Senior	10733

JUNIOR.

Jack and Janet	202
All Along the Trail	71
J. & J. Supplies	466
Junior Envelopes	210
M. L. for Y. Jr.	29
Mission Studies for Juniors	44
Junior Manual	43
Children of the Kingdom	33
Little Brothers of Mine	19
Missionary Mother Goose Rhymes	10
Voices of the Children	67
Recitation Books	24
Wall Charts	49
Junior Pins	342
Junior Diploma	195
L. L. B. Invitations	302
L. L. B. Cards	243
L. L. B. Record Books	7
L. L. B. Boxes	200

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1916.

Cash in Bank, April 15, 1915	$ 254.50
Cash and stamps on hand	5.18
Receipts from sales during year	1188.36
Interest	3.94
Total	$1451.98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mission Study Books and Helps	436.61
Printing	289.58
Postage	123.44
Leaflets	29.94
Refunds	8.28
Corrections	23.38
Express	11.23
Extra Help	2.50
Engraving	6.87
L. L. B. Designs	5.00
Other Books	16.97
Junior Pins	83.82
Coronation Pins	3.00
Office Expense	10.67
Total Disbursements	$1051.29
Balance on Hand, April 30, 1916	$ 400.69
Cash and Stamps on Hand	8.28
Bank Balance	$ 392.41

Respectfully submitted,

R. ELIZABETH MILLIGAN,

Literature Secretary.

Above is a correct statement of Literature Department operations for the year ending April 15, 1916, and of the cash balances on hand at the beginning and close of the year.

A. F. SAWHILL,

Auditor.

REPORT OF

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK.

IT IS sometimes said that "No news is good news." A one-time neighbor was wont to remark that she dreaded to receive letters from her brothers or sister for they never wrote except in case of illness or other trouble. When the subject of our Young Women's Societies is being considered, however, something very different from silence betokens good news. Indeed much action is hoped for and expected. A definite report of the work as accomplished is collected annually and by April 15 every Presbyterial is to have the deeds of each of its Y .W. societies recorded on the large blank and forwarded to the secretary in charge. This year three blanks were not returned—Idaho, Puget Sound and Wisconsin. One Presbyterial, San Francisco, came too late to be included in the report; it arrived April 24. However, for its encouragement, the principal figures are given here: To Thank-Offering, $12.00; to regular work, $6.00; new members, 11; and Magazine subscriptions, 8. The blank from Northern Indiana came in unfilled and Brookville's contained the reports of Women's Organizations only.

As a whole, the blanks were filled out more correctly than heretofore. An even more careful perusal of the printed letters enclosed, with the blank literature will insure better returns still. For example, the post cards enclosed meant to be forwarded immediately to the addressed party to announce the receipt of the literature at the home of the Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, will be attended to promptly. No items of cents will appear except in the Thank-Offering column. Each local society will have its report to the Presbyterial Secretary by April 5.

It is a pleasure to introduce to the 1916 Convention twenty-three new societies. These are found in eighteen Presbyterials, Steubenville standing first with four new societies. By an oversight, Butler Presbyterial's "newest child," Fairview, was not discovered until the totals were made up. Fourteen societies were reported disbanded; two united with Women's organizations; two or three slipped back into the ranks after a year's rest. Another claims never to have belonged to the General Society's roll. Altogether, thirty societies sent no reports. The total number of societies is now three hundred and fourteen with a membership of seven thousand six hundred and eight, including three hundred and twenty-seven new members. Four societies with a membership of four hundred and seven, are in Assiut and Delta Presbyterials, Egypt.

There are still several Presbyterials without Young Women's organizations. Is yours one of them? Even more Presbyterials have no Secretary of Young Women; the necessary link between the General and Local work. Will you not look into this matter? *When you elect a new Secretary, be sure to notify the General Secretary of your action, giving name and address.*

Thirty-six societies reported on the Standard of Efficiency, a matter of two thousand one hundred and forty-six credits or an average of about sixty per cent. for each society concerned.

Realizing that definite, prescribed

study on any subject is necessary if knowledge inspiring to action is secured, the mission study class has been organized so that our mission fields and their problems may become vital topics of consideration Who but our young people should be especially engaged in this study since their lives are before them? They must soon be the financial supporters of the missionary movement. As well, will they be the active missionaries, filling the places opening for new work and the stations made vacant by illness or death of the veterans.

Many reasons are given by the young women for not pursuing definite mission study; such as, local work in business and church too pressing to allow for more time to be taken. No time or inclination; ready to organize, but the teacher disappointed the girls by failing to appear; a second effort found the girls too busy; impossible to get the young women together. On the other hand, hear some encouraging features: Much interest; three young women expect to attend New Wilmington Conference; good attendance; instructive meetings; all took part in prayer for India; deeper, definite interest in missions and quickened prayer life in the society. Is it not worth while to spend one or two hours once a week for six weeks or some other definite time in this study if good results, even locally, are obtained?

Twenty-eight Presbyterials with two hundred and four societies returned one hundred and twenty-four mission study blanks, many of them filled. But ten Presbyterials reported real mission study classes—fifteen classes in all, representing fourteen congregations. The list of Presbyterials follows: Albany, Allegheny, Chartiers, Des Moines, Kansas City, Monongahela, Monmouth, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Rock Island.

The books studied in society or class number thirty-four, exclusive of the Magazine. "The King's Highway" led the list, with "The Child in the Midst" following closely. "Home Missions in Action" and "In Red Man's Land" were about a tie, a popular third place. Time and space forbid the mention of the other thirty books, each of which was used by one or two societies. It is encouraging that the recent books were held in such favor. We will be a more united band when we adopt the current book or books, all societies conforming to the general rule.

Not many books aside from the text-books were reported read. A few of them were: "Why and How of Foreign Missions," "The Little Green God," "Master Builder of the Nile," "American Mission in Egypt," "The Moslem World," "Social Aspects," "A Chinese Quaker" and "A Home Mission Story." One hundred and fifty-nine leaflets were reported read.

The leaders especially in every society need to have the yearly subject well in hand. The definite mission study class is the best plan of preparation yet suggested. Try it, will you not? It is worth at least one earnest trial by each society. Delegates, please urge this matter when reporting to your Presbyterials.

The Women's Missionary Magazine contains splendid reading matter for our young women. It is helpful as a reference book. Six hundred and thirty-three subscriptions were reported on the blanks. Several societies speak of the Magazine as their preference for use in the monthly meeting. An opportunity awaits every young woman to contribute of her talent to the Young Women's

Department. This past year fifty-two of the fifty-four Presbyterials were solicited for articles. Thirty Presbyterials gave at least one contribution. Fifty-seven individuals were corresponded with in this matter. Thirty-one made good. Some of the twenty-six remaining persons gave good reasons for not complying with the requests. Others gave no hint as to having received any letters. Will delegates please emphasize the duty of the young women to the Magazine, in the matter of contributing to its pages voluntarily or on request.

Our financial report is encouraging. Our Young Women are giving of their means and willingly in many cases. The ruling of the 1915 Convention to eliminate report of money contributed towards congregational expense except in the case of churches under the care of the Home Mission Board caused a shrinkage of almost $1800.00 in that account.

One hundred and seventy societies reported gifts to the Young Women's Special Fund. One society at least failed to get its money for this object to the Presbyterial Treasurer, so the Treasurer reported; so perhaps the General Treasurer is unaware of it, too. It is reported on the blank, however. Some members of the Young Women's Societies are still inquiring the average amount that is expected from each individual for this work, the Special, which is regular work for the Young Women.

Again it is submitted to print: *One dollar per member over and above other regular gifts and the Thank-Offering.* In view of the fact that, for this year, Misses Ruth Eddy and Edna Giffen of Egypt were appointed substitutes for Dr. Anna Watson, a regular Young Women's representative, but now in this country, it will require, instead of $2720 as formerly, $3120. Misses Roma Beatty and Eleanor Maconachie, India and our Egyptian representatives are each to receive $550 annually; Miss Margaret Rogers, Frenchburg Ky., $50 per month for ten months and Miss Christianta Totten, Henderson, North Carolina, $420 for twelve months.

Two hundred and fifty-six societies report having given a Thank-Offering. A large percentage of the societies not new is thus represented; possibly ninety per cent. The Isaiah 41:6 Fund was remembered by thirty-seven societies, and five Senior and two Junior Life memberships were paid by the Young Women. Four Presbyterials gave an offering to the W. G. M. S. Fund. Boxes to the number of two hundred and thirty-six with estimated value of $1992 were sent to needy places. The money contributed by the Young Women's Societies was reported designated as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 2,157.00
Foreign Salaries (Exclusive of Y. W. Special)	4,444.00
Home Missions	1,947.00
Indian Work	234.00
Freedmen's Missions	685.00
Church Extension and Parsonage	114.00
Young Women's Special Fund (Treasurer's Account)	3,163.25
Junior Special	9.00
Presbyterial Expense Fund	419.00
Temperance	102.00
Congregational Expense	602.00
District Work	826.00
Orphans' Home	43.00
Columbia Hospital	55.00
Aged People's Home	55.00
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	72.00
1915 Thank-Offering	11,533.92
W. G. M. S. Fund	18.50
Other Moneys	247.75
Total	$26,988.42
District Work, Egypt	$ 149.00
Thank-Offering, Egypt	207.75
Grand Total	$27,345.17

A blessing will surely follow all those who have labored faithfully the past year. We would also crave a blessing for the thousands of young women in our denomination who are standing idly by in the Lord's vineyard. May they hear the call that comes so insistently for consecrated young womanhood and cheerfully and hopefully answer, "I come to do Thy will." Worker in this field—

"You are the sower! Fear not who shall reap.
Look that the seed shall fall on fertile land,
Think what a splendid faith is yours to keep!
Think what it means a harvest to have planned!
Upon the pains and care with which you sow
Depends tomorrow for its share of grain.
Work on with gladness and with heart aglow,
The harvest time is sure and sure the gain."

"God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year. God is working His purpose out and the time is drawing near—the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

Respectfully submitted,

IDA B. LITTLE.

REPORT OF

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

WITH THIS issue (July) we close the second year of the new series of the Women's Missionary Magazine, also the twenty-ninth year of its publication. To say that we are gratified with the venture to give the readers of the Magazine an enlarged edition and that the venture to increase its pages from forty to sixty-eight has given much satisfaction, also has solved many difficulties, is only telling part of our experience.

The past year has been a year of great encouragement. The constant, steady work required has had its compensation in the increased interest shown by our subscribers. During the year a special effort was made to increase the circulation of the Magazine. The unique idea of having a shower of new subscriptions through a "Mail Bag" envelope was well taken up by societies. We hoped for at least 2500 new subscriptions. From January 1st to May 10th we added *one thousand new names* to our list and the work continues. Every mail since has brought some new subscriptions, and we feel that the Magazine has had a great impetus to improve as the circle of readers is enlarged.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. P. White for the excellent studies from "The King's Highway" and to Mrs. T. C. Atchison for similar excellence and work on "Home Missions in Action." Each one prepared six consecutive articles on their respective text-books and these articles have added much to the importance of the larger circulation of the Magazine.

Our Associate Editors, Miss Minnehaha Finney and Mrs. E. L. Porter have given the best material of any year to our readers. The secretaries of the Women's Board are making their own departments of great interest and importance because of their monthly contributions to the pages of the Magazine. We wish to acknowledge the favor from many other contributors to our pages.

We hope the year 1916-1917 will bring much of interest and importance to our Women's General Missionary Society because of what the Women's Missionary Magazine is able to do.

We thank Thee our heavenly Father for the blessings of the past year. We implore Thy care and guidance into the manifold duties of the new year.

Mrs. S. M. Kelso, Treasurer of the Magazine, for twenty-one years, having removed from Xenia, her native city and home, found it necessary to resign. Miss Hazel Flagg, a devoted and faithful young woman, capable of taking this large responsibility is Mrs. Kelso's successor. Mrs. Kelso's rare judgment and faithful service has helped to make the Magazine a successful missionary periodical. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Kelso. We hope she will find as active and efficient service for her faithful and devoted nature as she has given to every Christian activity she has engaged to do.

And now we look forward to the new year with confidence and interest. The making of a monthly missionary periodical is an incessant and arduous task. The joy that enters into the labors is shared by every one who contributes to its success.

The privilege of service is the compensation for all who serve in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Very sincerely,

MRS. GEORGE MOORE,
Editor.

FINANCIAL REPORT
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

1915-1916.

RECEIPTS:

On Hand, March 31, 1915	$1671.34
Magazine Subscriptions	7292.88
Miscellaneous Receipts	72.87
Int. on Bonds, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treas.	240.00
Demand Loan paid by Home Building & Savings Co.	500.00
Interest on same	17.26
Advertising	20.00
	$9814.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and Mailing Magazine	$5904.40
Auditing Books	5.40
Delegate Fund	250.00
Paid Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer, Tanta Hospital	500.00
Cuts and Engravings	351.36
Demand Loan Home Building & Savings Co.	500.00
Literature	11.90
Campaign for New Subscriptions	131.25
Mission Studies	110.00
Current Expenses	243.90
Balance in Bank	1806.14
	$9814.35

STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

RESOURCES—March 31st, 1916.

Balance on Hand	$1806.14
Accumulated Funds in the Hands of Finance Committee W. G. M. Society at 6 per cent.	4000.00
Total	$5806.14

LIABILITIES:

No indebtedness whatever outstanding or unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. M. KELSO,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have carefully and minutely examined the books and vouchers appertaining to the management of the Women's Missionary Magazine Committee for the year ending March 31st, 1916, and find books neatly and carefully kept, and correct in every particular.

Attested:

JOHN H. MCVAY,
Accountant.

Xenia, Ohio, April 19th, 1916.

REPORT OF

JUNIOR MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

WHEN GOD'S chosen people were journeying to Canaan, they were not familiar with the way; when they reached the Jordan there was apparently no way to cross. But just at this point, four men stepped into the water, carrying very carefully the ark, a little box, about four feet long by three wide and high. Why were they so careful with it? Because it stood for God. It was the symbol of His guiding presence, and represented also an obedient people faithfully following their Guide. When the people proved unfaithful, the ark had no power to help.

Our beloved Stars and Stripes floating in the air, is but a symbol—a symbol of the principles and achievements of the people of this great country. Only as justice, truth, purity and righteousness are exemplified in our lives, can our flag be said to symbolize these virtues. Our flag is what we make it, "a praise in the earth" or a disgrace and a dishonor.

The Junior Missionary Magazine is also a symbol. It represents the work of the Junior Missionary Society from the smallest service of the tiniest Light Bearer, to the fulfillment of the plans and dreams of our enthusiastic General Secretary. On the workers it depends to make each number an emblem of Jesus' work through this organization; of His love, devotion, heroism and unselfishness, as manifested in the lives of our Juniors and their leaders.

Alexander Maclaren has said, "Get near Jesus Christ and you will catch His manner." Doing this, our lives and our "Wee Magazine" will be like "the poor bit of cloth which has held some precious piece of solid perfume, causing it to retain its fragrance for many a day afterward, blessing the scentless air by giving it forth."

Many are the friends who have assisted in the making of our Magazine during the past year. Our contributors, Mrs. John Heslip, who has been so prompt and faithful in writing the Lesson Notes; Mrs. Milliken, our General Secretary; our publisher and his employees; those who have interested themselves in securing subscriptions; and the great host of Juniors and their leaders of whose work the Magazine is a symbol.

For April, 1916, 7128 copies were mailed; but like the mother Magazine, we want more subscriptions, at least 10,000 on our mailing list. We can get them if we work as hard as one of our friends who writes: "We have one young man, and a lady who is thirty years old who have taken the Magazine since they were quite small and are still taking it. Most of the mothers take it for their children. We have several grandmothers who take it for their grandchildren. Some neighbors take it for another neighbor's child; and the funny part of it is there are several maiden ladies who take it for children whose parents do not even attend the church. In this way we manage to take twenty-five copies. I tried to get each congregation in our Presbyterial to take at least ten copies, which would make

two hundred and forty subscriptions; but I didn't accomplish it. However, I will not give up until it is done."

The editor is grateful for the poems, letters, stories and pictures you have sent her during this year, and hopes you will do even better during 1916-1917. It is not always possible to publish them in the first issue; but delay does not always mean lack of appreciation. If your particular mission does not receive the attention that it deserves, it is because you have failed to furnish the editor with the necessary material. Sometimes it is difficult for workers to find time to write for the Junior Missionary Magazine, but it is work that pays, and the seed sown will bear an abundant harvest in the lives of our Juniors.

The Magazine Reserve Fund, started by Mrs. Stevenson shortly before her death, has received $41.00 during the year, making the amount now in the treasury, $381.00. Many of our workers know that the subscription price of the Junior Missionary Magazine (25c for a single copy; 10c in clubs of ten or more to one address) does not cover the actual cost of printing and postage. In order to help out, Mrs. Stevenson proposed to raise a fund of $1000.00 and use the interest to pay for the "cuts" needed in printing the pictures.. We would be glad if all our Junior societies, and many of our Senior organizations would send in a dollar each and complete this fund for our twenty-fifth anniversary. Send all contributions for this fund to your Presbyterial Treasurer.

The financial report is as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Carrie M. Reed, Business Manager, in account with The Junior Missionary Magazine.

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1915		
Apr. 16		
	Balance on Hand	$ 38.97
	Discount and Credit on Robert Rawsthorne's Bills	5.87
	Financial Secretary	325.00
	Mrs. Hill, Treas., for Magazines to Mission Stations	62.50
	Cash	.50
	Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer	100.00
	Cash to pay for cuts and Junior Supplies	5.35
	Magazine Reserve Fund	5.00
	Receipts from Subscriptions	656.79
1916		
Apr. 15	Total Receipts	$1199.98

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1915		
Apr. 15		
	Mr. J. C. Park, Printing and Postage	$ 992.30
	Robert Rawsthorne Eng. Co.	95.53
	Subscriptions to Everyland	3.40
	Magazine Reserve Fund	5.00
	Junior Supplies	1.35
	Postage	5.68
	Account Book	.75
	Total Expenditures	$1104.01
	Bal. on Hand, April 16, 1916	95.97
		$1199.98

Respectfully submitted,
CARRIE M. REED,
Editor and Business Mgr.

Auditor's Statement.

The foregoing account of Miss Carrie M. Reed, Business Manager, for the fiscal year ending April 15th, 1916, is correct. I hereby record my appreciation of the care and accuracy shown in accounting for the receipt and disbursement of funds in management of the Junior Missionary Magazine.

A. F. SAWHILL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF

TEMPERANCE SECRETARY.

THE PAST year has been truly a remarkable one in the Temperance cause the world over. The most successful year ever known judging by reports, but *how successful* will never be known judging by the experience of report collectors. Of course people cannot be compelled to tell what they have done or are doing but what an inspiration and what encouragement would possess us if we might have a grand report of all Temperance work done in the whole world. Reports of every Temperance organization and of every worker from the Czar of Russia (who with one stroke of his mighty pen made illegal the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in his whole nation) down to the most modest but good and true local Temperance Secretaries of all church and other organizations, including those of our beloved W. G. M. S.

What a document that would be especially if it were side by side with another grand report of all the intoxicating liquor manufactured the world over, including reports from all manufacturers, brewers, distillers, saloon keepers, hotel keepers, and all other places (including homes alas!) where the traffic is carried on and also reports from all agents, secretaries and every one else engaged in the cause of Intemperance, as we are so humbly engaged in the cause of Temperance.

If we believe what we claim to believe that the abolition of the liquor traffic, like all other sins which exclude from the Kingdom of God 1 Cor. 6:9, 10 is the Lord's work, why are we not pleased to report progress in it? Are we not withholding the honor and glory due to His great name?

When we offer ourselves to Him for service and He accepts us and works His own purposes out through us, conquering evil and pulling down strong holds of Satan should we not esteem it a duty and privilege to tell of His mighty works through us?

If we are afraid or ashamed (and we ought to be) to say, "Blessed be me" we need neither be ashamed nor afraid to say, "Blessed be He."

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

We have 66 Presbyterial Temperance Secretaries this year (63 last year) and only 49 returned report blanks. We have also 419 local secretaries (343 last year).

Those not reporting this year are: Caledonia, DesMoines, Frankfort, Northern Indiana, Kansas City, Keokuk, LeClaire, Monmouth, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Omaha, Oregon, Rock Island, San Francisco, Steubenville, Uncompahgre and Xenia.

So many of these Presbyterials are now in prohibition territory we wonder if they are "sitting at ease in Zion" or so busy defending their hard won victories that they have no time to report, forgetting that we in the East need all the help and encouragement we can get from our Western sisters.

31 Presbyterials report supply of literature "ample, suitable for our work and well received," many commending it very highly in such words as "Par Excellence," "None Better," "Best Ever," "Just Right," "Splendid," "Could not be better," etc.

Arkansas Valley, Cleveland and Iowa Northwest say, "No."

Mansfield, "Only fair."

Philadelphia, "Yes and No."

Every Presbyterial (but one) report growing interest in the work and that fact is attributed to many very interesting causes.

Allegheny says, "Increasing interest of pastors."

Argyle, "Temperance facts kept before the people and National Prohibition so much talked about."

Big Springs, "Literature and constant agitation."

Boston, "The past forty years of work of different temperance organization, laws that make compulsory the teaching of the evil effects of alcohol in the public schools and the education of the people through temperance literature."

Chartiers, "Education through literature."

Conemaugh, "Pastors' influence, more knowledge of facts, etc."

Colorado, "Local conditions have increased the interest."

Idaho, "Good hard work."

Garnett, "Faithfulness."

Central Illinois, "Increased interest in anti-saloon and woman suffrage movements."

Southern Illinois, "People are realizing their responsibility for the Liquor Traffic."

Iowa Northwest, "To the fine stand Iowa and other states are taking."

Indiana, "More Literature."

Lake, "Election of temperance men as judges, remonstrances, joy of dry counties and great rest for the drinkers."

Mansfield, "To asking for reports," etc.

Mercer, "Christians aroused to the awful sin of intemperance."

Philadelphia, "Pastors more interested; "Billy Sunday" meetings; general discussion every where; study classes; and no license league."

Spokane, "Dry states must work hard to keep so."

Tennessee, "To special effort made for victory."

Texas, "Our desire to make Texas white in near future."

Westmoreland, "Definite work has paid."

Wheeling, "Getting the subject before the people and learning better how to use the literature."

Wisconsin, "The popularity of the subject and persistence of the secretaries."

267 temperance meetings are reported besides "a great many," "quite a number," in many localities. This is exclusive of the foreign field where a tremendous work of this kind is going on especially in Egypt to which field we have sent large supplies of literature.

Pledge signing is encouraging, Argyle, Beaver Valley, Chartiers, Monongahela, Philadelphia, and Tennessee taking the lead. Splendid work has been done in Washington, D. C., as also in Tennessee, especially amongst the Juniors, while in Monongahela special mention is made of Brookline where nearly every member of the W. M. S. and every member of their Junior Society is pledged and the Brushton Missions where a similar condition exists and their W. M. S. is only four months old.

To the double question, "Is your Presbyterial convinced that temperance is a legitimate and important part of the work of W. G. M. S.—that Intemperance is a deadly foe to missions?" Nearly all are most emphatic in an affirmative answer.

Delaware says, "No and Yes." Idaho, "Yes to latter." Muskingum and

Philadelphia, "First part doubtful, latter Yes."

1048 packages of literature besides large quantities to the foreign field have been sent out. Miss Minnehaha Finney and Mrs. Hoyman (formerly Miss Loretta Mitchell) are leading in a great campaign amongst the soldiers. The demand for the Temperance Year Book is very general.

Money reported as being sent through presbyterial treasurers to Mrs. J. B. Hill, General Treasurer is as follows:

Albany	$ 4.00
Argyle	7.00
Arkansas Valley	3.00
Beaver Valley	52.00
Big Spring	10.00
Boston	20.00
Brookville	1.00
Butler	14.00
Chartiers	44.00
Chicago	15.00
Cleveland	7.00
College Springs	11.00
Colorado	4.00
Conemaugh	4.00
Central Illinois	18.00
Southern Illinois	7.75
Indiana	2.00
Iowa Northwest	3.00
Kiskiminetas	17.00
Los Angeles	15.00
Mansfield	1.00
Merc..er	113.00
Monongahela	119.00
First Ohio	7.00
Pawnee	10.00
Philadelphia	31.00
Spokane	3.00
Sidney	2.00
Tennessee	9.00
Texas	5.00
Westmoreland	10.00
Wisconsin	4.00
Xenia	8.00

Our new W. G. M. S. pledge cards are now ready. Both the card and the duplicate are to be signed, the former to be kept by the signer, the duplicate to be forwarded to the General Temperance Secretary.

Temperance buttons are also ready, twenty cents per dozen. Temperance programs are in demand.

Many request that one month in the year preferably November in our annual program for missionary societies be given entirely to the study of temperance and the complaint is very general that while in our missionary societies all the other branches of our work are more or less discussed at each meeting; no place or time, "not even five minutes" is given to keep this matter before the members.

WHAT IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR?

1st. Bible Study of the liquor traffic, that we may get our information and instructions from Headquarters.

2nd. The using of our temperance literature as reading matter in our family circles, telling our stories and singing our songs.

3rd. A study of this subject so deep and conscientious as will lead to general astonishment at the existence of the liquor traffic in this enlightened age, and determination to abolish such an outstanding insult to our heavenly Father. Let us stop talking about "For the sake of widows, orphans, mothers, fathers, home, country, etc." and abolish this iniquity for God's sake and all else will be taken care of; and let us beware also of the tendency these days of putting the creature before the Creator.

4th. A good, correct mailing list of the local temperance secretaries, that literature may be sent regularly and the General Temperance Secretary notified immediately of any change to be made in this list.

5th. The hearty cooperation of the President and all the other society officers with the temperance workers that there may be "a long pull and a strong

pull and a pull all together" in all branches of the W. G. M. S. work.

WHAT IS OUR AIM FOR THE COMING YEAR?

A Presbyterial Temperance Secretary in each Presbyterial.

A local secretary in each Women's, Young Women's and Junior Society, and every woman, young woman and Junior in the United Presbyterian Church a pledge signer, from the Woman's Board and officers of the Convention to the youngest Junior.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Credit Balance, April 15, 1915	$556.06
Receipts from April 15, 1915, to April 15, 1916	806.01
Disbursements from April 15, 1915, to April 15, 1916	852.65
Credit Balance, April 15, 1916	509.42

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. R. C.) Margaret F. Morton.

REPORT OF

PARSONAGE SECRETARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

NOTHING OUT of the usual order has transpired in this department during the past year. There has been the regular routine work of correspondence and bookkeeping, sometimes a stirring up of delinquent payments. Sometimes the reports of unfortunate conditions and distress in congregations have saddened our hearts. Then again messages of cheer and thankfulness for help received have made us glad that we can have a share in strengthening the work of our beloved Church and making the comforts of a home possible to many of our earnest, faithful ministers.

One pastor writes, "We are certainly very grateful to your Board for granting our request for aid so promptly and generously. May the Lord richly bless you in all your work of faith and labor of love."

Another minister says, "We have made some progress during the past year but not so much as we had hoped. We believe, however, that our church is in much better position to occupy the field than it was one year ago and I am sure that the generosity of the Women's General Missionary Society in making possible the parsonage has helped in brightening the prospects in this field."

All the new work undertaken has been in the home field. Seven new loans were made and a second payment made on a loan of last year.

The congregations receiving this aid were in six states reaching from coast to coast, viz., Kenton, Portland, Oregon; Riverside, California; Economy, Ambridge, Pa.; Woodlawn, Pa.; Chariton, Iowa; Monroe Memorial, Akron, Ohio; First Cincinnati, Ohio; and Oneonta, N. Y.

The loan to Chariton, Iowa, was made under the condition that the small balance of the former loan be cancelled before a new one be granted This congregation under the inspiration and earnest effort of a new pastor raised the necessary amount to do this and received the new loan to make some much needed improvements and additions to the parsonage.

Only two other congregations have been able to make final payments on loans although there were a number scheduled to close their accounts this year.

Saxman, Kansas, has paid its loan in full, while West Allis, Wis., made an extra effort and paid its loan some two years in advance of the required time, thus securing a discount of $48.25.

A larger number of congregations than usual have failed to make payments when due and there are many blank spaces in the "amount paid during the year" column. However, the large majority of congregations have met their obligations promptly and fully.

The receipts from societies through Presbyterials were $1666.00; a little more than received last year; from the Thank-Offering $1000.00, and from repayment of loans $16,853.89 making a total of $19,519.89. This with a balance of $11,452.57 or $30,972.57 made the working fund of the year, of which $18,817.65 was disbursed. The balance in the Treasurer's hands is $12,154.81. Much of this amount has been promised for an early date.

One hundred and sixty-four congregations have received aid in building their parsonages. Seventy-seven loans have been repaid and there are eighty-seven accounts still active on our books. The following is a statment of the Parsonage Loans for the year ending April 15, 1916:

STATEMENT OF PARSONAGE LOANS—YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

Loans Outstanding and Payments Received During the Year are as Follows:

	LOANS.		
	Outstanding April 15, 1915	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding April 15, 1916
First, Oakland, California	$ 151.90	$ 100.00	$ 51.90
Chariton, Iowa	156.14	156.14	
Fort Morgan, Colorado	215.00	135.00	80.00
Second, Tacoma, Washington	845.89	53.55	792.34
First, Tacoma, Washington	2265.73	150.00	2115.73
Eighth (Boulevard), Chicago	1541.71	205.00	1336.71
Long Beach, California	624.22		624.22
Boynton, Oklahoma	480.00	50.00	430.00
Hutchinson, Kansas	424.42	188.72	235.70
West Allis, Wisconsin	448.55	400.00	48.55
First, Schenectady, N. Y.	1498.42		1498.42
Olathe, Kansas	188.70		188.70
Saxman, Kansas	275.70	275.70	
Chester, West Virginia	873.94		873.94
Stuttgart, Arkansas	536.60		536.60
Bellingham, Washington	1702.95		1702.95
North, Allegheny, Pa.	699.30	310.80	388.50
Everett, Washington	228.00		228.00
Third, Des Moines, Iowa	366.49		366.49
Dubois, Pennsylvania	475.80		475.80
Burlington, Iowa	904.80		904.80
Elmwood, Des Moines, Iowa	1268.12	845.00	423.12
Lincoln, Nebraska	1495.36	300.00	1195.36
Woodruff Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.	636.00	192.00	444.00
Winchester, Kansas	333.00	111.00	222.00
Arkansas City, Kansas	415.45	166.68	248.77
Torrington, Wyoming	707.97		707.97
Third, Spokane, Washington	1197.60	63.85	1133.75
Rock Island, Ill.	1066.80	250.00	816.80
Conway, Pa.	1048.75	333.00	715.75

	Outstanding April 15, 1915	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding April 15, 1916
Central Falls, R. I.	1179.26	346.90	832.36
Altus, Oklahoma	986.09	95.00	891.09
Tulsa, Oklahoma	2558.00	247.50	2310.50
Roosevelt, Oklahoma	266.40	83.25	183.15
Waterloo, Iowa	1665.00	333.33	1331.67
Morgan Hill, California	555.00	222.00	333.00
Emporia, Kansas	1179.30	208.13	971.17
Farrell, Pa.	1448.44	402.40	1046.04
Allison Park, Pa.	957.29	41.63	915.66
First, Indianapolis, Ind.	416.10	208.15	207.95
Second, Spokane, Washington	2413.59		2413.59
Corsicana, Texas	896.22	141.54	754.68
Benton Lawn, Kansas City, Kansas	1735.25		1735.25
Harvard Heights, Los Angeles, Cal.	901.74	277.52	624.22
Montrose Ave., Chicago, Ill.	2442.78	200.00	2242.78
Forest Avenue, Bellevue, Pa.	1760.50	333.00	1427.50
Guthrie, Oklahoma	1165.50	111.00	1054.50
Spirit Lake, Idaho	1455.56	201.60	1253.96
East Mansfield, Ohio	705.00	35.00	670.00
Bristol, Col.	1021.20	177.60	843.60
Nampa, Idaho	1443.00	111.00	1332.00
Third, Seattle, Washington	2177.54	58.86	2118.68
West Middlesex, Pa.	522.00	296.00	226.00
East Side, Gary, Ind.	1631.39	146.04	1485.35
Manhattan, Kansas	1265.32	210.92	1054.40
Whittier, California	185.44		185.44
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	2238.50	190.47	2048.03
Boise City, Idaho	1744.00	109.38	1634.62
Brookings, South Dakota	1123.79	166.49	957.30
Zenith, Kansas	825.50	5.00	820.50
Trenton, Ohio	1803.68	277.52	1526.16
Prosser, Washington	1376.40	133.20	1243.20
Parma, Idaho	1748.20	291.40	1456.80
McClelland Heights, Davenport, Iowa	699.24	99.92	599.32
Omdurman, Sudan	2719.50	388.50	2331.00
Fairhill, Philadelphia, Pa.	2912.50	269.50	2643.00
San Antonio, Texas	2496.70	333.32	2163.38
South Omaha, Nebraska	1776.00	275.00	1501.00
Rochester, Pa.	2564.10	310.80	2253.30
Ewart, Iowa	640.99	77.74	563.25
Third, Portland, Oregon	2277.65	264.85	2012.80
Albia, Iowa	2428.10	277.52	2150.58
Middletown, Ohio	3274.42	364.00	2910.42
Ingleside, San Francisco, Cal.	1311.15	149.88	1161.27
Canton, Ohio	2566.86	346.90	2219.96
Burlington, Washington	1698.28	94.36	1603.92
Barstow Colony, Cal.	1665.00	83.26	1581.74
Assiut, Egypt	15780.59	1661.12	14119.47
West Side, Monmouth, Ill.	3080.25	333.00	2747.25

	Outstanding April 15, 1915	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding April 15, 1916
Creston, Iowa	2220.00	222.00	1998.00
Kenton, Portland, Oregon	1500.00		1500.00
Meridian, Pa.	2274.90		2274.90
Donora, Pa.	1557.00	38.88	1518.12
	$122309.52	$15538.82	$106770.70
Credit allowed on loan for advanced payment West Allis, Wis.	48.55		48.55
TOTALS	$122260.97	$15538.82	$106722.15

NEW LOANS DURING THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

	Amount Loans and Interest	Amount Repaid	Loans Outstanding. Apri 15, 1916
Kenton, Portland, Oregon, 2nd Payment and Interest	$ 720.00	$ 166.50	$ 553.50
Economy, Ambridge, Pa.	3390.50	130.63	3259.87
Riverside, Cal	2220.00	111.00	2109.00
Woodlawn, Pa.	3841.96	80.04	3761.92
Chariton, Iowa	888.00	22.20	865.80
Monroe Memorial, Akron, Ohio	1999.80	99.90	1899.90
Oneonta, N. Y.	1110.00	55.50	1054.50
First, Cincinnati, Ohio	3552.00		3552.00
Total New Loans	$17722.26	$ 665.77	$17056.49
Total Loans in Force During the Last Fiscal Year	$139983.23		
Total Received During the Year on Account of Loans		$16204.59	
Total Outstanding April 15, 1916			$123778.64
Received Additional Cash as Follows:			
Rent, Luxor Missionary Residence		$ 540.00	
Interest, Zenith, Kansas, Loan		62.50	
Interest, Rock Valley Note		46.80	
Total Cash Receipts		$16853.89	

MRS. J. D. SANDS, Parsonage Secretary.

I have examined the accounts of Mrs. J. D. Sands, Parsonage Secretary, for the fiscal year ending April 15, 1916. The accounts are correct and in excellent condition. The foregoing is a correct statement of the transactions during the year and of the loans as they appear at the beginning and close of the year.

A. F. SAWHILL, Auditor.

REPORT OF

JUNIOR SECRETARY.

THE JUNIOR Department of the Women's General Missionary Society presents its 24th Annual Report, which we feel is, in most respects, very encouraging indeed.

One of our aims this year has been to have a report from every Presbytery and we can now say that every Presbytery where we know there are Junior Societies *has* reported; however, two Presbyteries, New York and Uncompahgre, for the second year in succession have failed to report, so we do not know whether or not there are any organized Junior societies in these two Presbyteries. Let us hope that the 25th Anniversary year will see both these Presbyteries join our ranks.

The Presbyterial Junior Secretaries have done splendid work this year and by means of letters and literature have created a more lively interest and closer touch between themselves and the Junior Superintendents. From the 1915 "Minutes of the General Assembly" and the W. G. M. S. reports interesting data was compiled and sent out during January showing the condition of Junior work in each Presbytery. This data brought out two facts which are of particular interest so we give them here for your consideration: First, there are 174 churches without a Women's Missionary Society. Second, there are 394 Women's Missionary Societies without any Junior Societies. Allowing one-third of the number of Sabbath School members reported, to be of Junior age gives us as the possible number of Junior members, 52,000.

If there is any woman here who is a member of any of these 394 "childless" Women's Missionary Societies (the W. M. S. being the mother of the Junior Society) will you not urge your women to consider this very important branch of our work and organize a Junior Society as soon as possible?

Now as to reports; it is almost impossible to be sure of an accurate report unless each Superintendent is very careful to keep correct records of members and contributions. Let us not neglect to do this. The "King's Business" needs and demands the very best use of our business ability as well as energy and devotion.

STATISTICS.

Of the total 64 Presbyteries in America, 62 reported, from which we make the following summary:

Number of Little Light Bearers' Societies	64
Number of Junior Societies	430
Total Societies	494
Number of Members in Little Light Bearers'	1350
Number of Members in Junior Societies	12509
Total Members	13859
Number of Juniors 13 years of age and over	1611
Number of New Junior Life Members	129
Number of Honorary Members	737
Number Graduated into Y. P. C. U.	621
Number Graduated into Y. W. M. S.	88
Number Uniting with Church	1153
Number Subscriptions to the Junior Magazine	5879
Number of Boxes and Packages	132
Estimated Value of Boxes and Packages	$503
Number of New Societies	49
Number of Re-organized Societies	21
Number of Disbanded Societies	9

Net Gain of Societies	61
Number of New Members	2704
Presbyteries Giving no Thank-Offering	4
Societies Giving no Thank-Offering	28
Societies not taking Junior Magazine	72
Organized Societies failing to report	47

A comparison with the 1915 report will show some gains and some losses.

The membership as reported is less than that of last year, but it should be borne in mind that 47 organized societies have failed to report for 1916; with these added to the role, our totals would undoubtedly be considerably larger.

One very gratifying item is the number of Juniors uniting with the Church, 1153 as compared with 727 last year, a gain of about 60 per cent. And just here I wish to repeat what we all know but do not think of often enough, viz; that the Church member who is a graduate from a Junior Society is naturally the very best kind of a Church member, both as regards his personal activity in the work, and in respect to contributions, because his Junior training has taught him to take part in the meetings and has familiarized him with missionary work, the most unselfish work the Church does, and has impressed its importance on his mind. He has become accustomed to contribute to its support and will continue to do so; and the man or woman who contributes to missionary work may usually be depended upon not to neglect the support of other Church work as well.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions reported are not as heavy as those reported last year, as with the other statistics, however, this year's showing would naturally be somewhat better if the 47 societies previously referred to sent in their reports. The difference, however, is not great and it is well for us to remember that gratifying as increased contributions always are, progress in our work cannot always be measured by the dollar mark.

Fifteen societies are on the Honor Roll, having contributed over one hundred dollars, while two more deserve special mention for contributing between ninety and one hundred dollars. The Young Helpers, Salem, N. Y., head the list with $315.00, while the First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., come second with $233.98; Ingram, Pa., Juniors, $217.00. The full list will be published in the Junior Magazine. The Juniors have again contributed to every department of work of the W. G. M. S. as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 802.00
Foreign Salaries	220.00
Home Missions	614.00
Indian Work	135.00
Freedmen's Missions	176.00
Church Extension and Parsonage	91.00
Ministerial Relief	29.00
Junior Special Work	2687.00
Presbyterial Expense Fund	86.00
Temperance	61.00
Congregational Work in Home Mission Churches	257.00
District Work	179.00
Orphans' Home	76.00
Columbia Hospital	31.00
Aged People's Home	16.00
Little Light Bearers' Contributions	202.00
Junior Magazine Reserve Fund	30.00
Total	$5692.00
Thank-Offering (including Life Members)	5237.08
Grand Total	$10929.08

Egypt and India.

Number of Junior Societies (4 Presbyterials)	17
Number of Junior Members	1444

Contributions.

Total	$ 266.00
Thank-Offering	330.22
Grand Total	$ 596.22

We are sorry to note that 4 Presbyteries and 28 Societies have not availed

themselves of the privilege of giving a Thank-Offering. Can it be that the leaders have failed to appreciate this important provision for the tangible expression of the love and gratitude of the children to their heavenly Father which swells up from their hearts and can readily be directed into this channel? The regular offerings may be likened to the obedience of the child—the Thank-Offering is its kiss. Will not every leader read the page of the General Thank-Offering Secretary each month in the Women's Missionary Magazine and so get the editor's "vision" and the inspiration for this work?

The Women's Missionary Magazine should be in the hands of every Junior worker, who in turn, should make a point of seeing that every family represented on the Junior Roll takes a copy of the Junior Magazine. The cost of the Women's Missionary Magazine is eight and one-third cents a month; the Junior Magazine, less than one cent a month. The cost is exceedingly small, the value very great.

JUNIOR SPECIAL.

The new dormitory known as "Vincent Hall" at Camden, Alabama, is finished—paid for by the Juniors and we sing a song of rejoicing, for the Junior Special raised for this purpose from the seeds of the little watermelons is $2,687.00, $187.00 more than was asked for. The extra money will go toward furnishing the dormitory for the boys. Again the Juniors have proven how well they can work when they have a definite purpose in view. The Junior Special for 1916-1917 will be the support of the Bible women in India—amount asked for, $2,500.00.

A BANNER.

The 1917 Convention—the 25th Anniversary of organized Junior work—will have a new feature to help us celebrate our birthday; something for which everyone of us can work, namely a *banner* to be awarded to the Presbyterial making all six points in the requirements. Let us study each point carefully and then do our share to help our Presbyterial win the banner.

Requirements.

1. A ten per cent. gain in the Junior Membership of the Presbytery.
2. A Junior Society in every Church.
3. Every Society must report to the Presbyterial Junior Secretary on time—April 5th.
4. Every Presbyterial Junior Secretary must report to the General Junior Secretary on time—April 15th.
5. Every Society must contribute to the W. G. M. S. work.
6. Every Society must give a Thank-Offering.

In case more than one Presbyterial should be found to comply with these requirements, the banner will be awarded to the one having the greatest percentage of increase in membership.

1915-1916 is past; God has been kind to us in allowing us to work another year in His vineyard. We feel that He has helped us and that progress has been made in His work.

We are now entered upon the work of the new year and with joyous hearts and steadfast purpose let us strive for still greater efficiency in His work, looking to Him prayerfully for guidance and strength and with His favor who shall limit the good that may be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. H. MILLIKEN,
General Junior Secretary.

REPORT OF

THANK-OFFERING SECRETARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

FROM THE Scriptures we learn that, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." Therefore, every truly grateful heart finds delight in joining with the Psalmist in singing:

"O my soul, bless thou Jehovah,
All within me, bless His name;
Bless Jehovah and forget not,
All His mercies to proclaim."

One prevailing sin of God's people today is forgetfulness of His goodness.

How eagerly we all accept His mercies every new morning! How much we enjoy the rich "benefits with which He daily loadeth us!" But alas! how often we forget to recognize the kind hand of the generous Giver! Back of all forgetfulness is the grievous sin of ingratitude. If God should mark this sin against us, would any of us be found wholly innocent?

The chief aim of the Thank-Offering Department of our Women's General Missionary Society is to continually stir up the hearts of God's people to speak the praises of God, and to proclaim to the world His loving kindness through their gifts.

This beautiful form of gift worship, which many of us have come to love so dearly should serve as a constant reminder of God's goodness, and should keep us close to "the Giver of every good and perfect gift" day by day.

At this hour we have reached the twenty-eighth milestone of our Thank-Offering work. What do we find recorded in the book of our own memory for 1915? Twelve months full of blessings: Three hundred and sixty-five days over-flowing with mercies: Eight thousand seven hundred and sixty hours of gospel privileges?

What have we, God's people given in return? What has He recorded in "His book of remembrance" to our credit? Have we spent the twelve months in active service for Him?

Have we "out of the abundance of our hearts" spoken the praises of God to others?

Have we offered unto Him three hundred and sixty-five prayers of true thanksgiving?

Have we remembered to place even a weekly offering on the Sabbath in our "blessing boxes," to give the gospel to those who know not Christ as their Saviour? What have we done—as individuals—to move God to record over against our names, "She hath done what she could?" What have we done as societies, to help our United Presbyterian Church to reach a higher plane of giving to the Lord's cause? Jesus awaits our answers.

Turning to the Thank-Offering Blanks which give the reports of the missionary societies for the year 1915, we find reason to believe that the faithful members of the Women's, Young Women's and Junior Societies have not forgotten to "speak the praises of God" through their love offerings.

LISTEN TO THE STORY THE THANK-OFFERING BLANKS TELL.

The aim in sending out blanks last August to the Presidents of over 1600 societies was to give all an opportunity to report what they had done during the year for the Thank-Offering Department of the Women's General Missionary Society. Did all societies improve the opportunity? Figures go to prove that only 1250 of them sent in reports on the

returned blanks. What of the three hundred societies that failed? In some cases the Presbyterial Secretaries put forth effort by letter and by phone but failed to secure replies.

Three entire Presbyterials—New York, Caledonia and Concordia failed to send in reports, although special efforts were put forth from headquarters to secure them.

When? Oh when will the time come when the officers of all our missionary societies will realize the importance of being prompt and faithful in replying to communications concerning their work?

Reports by Presbyterials.

For 1915 ten Presbyterials are on the Honor Roll for sending in well filled blanks from all auxiliary societies: Allegheny with 86 societies, Butler 40 societies, Cleveland 42, Keokuk 22, Garnett 15, Kiskiminetas 19, Hudson 12, Iowa Northwest 7, Spokane 7, and Uncompahgre 3. Des Moines and Pawnee Presbyterials merit "Honorable Mention" each having missed but one blank. In each case a small Junior Society failed to report, and thus kept its Presbyterial off the Honor Roll.

"Honorable Mention" is made of six Presbyterials which sent in all but two blanks each: Central Illinois, LeClaire, New Jersey, Brookville, Rock Island, and Vermont.

In the sixty-one Presbyterials reporting for the home-land 714 societies made an increase in their Thank-Offerings for 1915—the largest number ever reported.

In twenty-six Presbyterials over one-half the societies increased their gifts over the previous year, while one-third of the number of societies in twenty-four other Presbyterials gave larger offerings than in 1914.

All the societies in Spokane Presbyterial but one, and all in Kiskiminetas but three, report an increase.

Twenty-five Women's and seventeen Young Women's Societies gained recognition on the Honor Roll by doubling their offerings of the previous year.

Twenty-seven Junior Societies have their names on the Honor Roll, their gifts having averaged one dollar per member.

"Honorable Mention" is made of sixty-six additional societies—29 Women's, 17 Young Women's, and 20 Juniors which almost won places on the Honor Roll. In Steubenville Presbyterial one Young Women's Society averaged about $6.00 per member. In Philadelphia one Junior Society gave three times more than in 1914; one Women's Society in Spokane almost trebled; one Junior in San Francisco trebled; one Junior in Cleveland averaged $3.00 per member; a newly organized Junior in Arkansas Valley of 20 members gave $56.00; a new society in Big Spring Presbyterial with 13 members gave $33.00; one society in Brookville more than doubled and one almost trebled; the increase in gifts from Young Women's Societies in Chartiers merit special mention: in Kiskiminetas one Women's Society gave five times more than the previous year, and several others increased largely; in Monongahela one Junior gave four times the amount given in 1914; several societies in Los Angeles Presbyterial made large increase; the Juniors of First Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, gave the largest offering among the Juniors.

The women and men in the Aged People's Home, Wilkinsburg, Pa., deserve special mention for their very liberal gifts.

All these facts go to prove that so-

cieties are advancing in liberal giving to the Lord's cause, and are causes for great encouragement in our Thank-Offering work.

Total Thank-Offering for 1915.

From Women's Societies	$51,133.81
From Young Women's	11,533.92
From Juniors	5,237.08
Total	$67,904.81

As no special object was kept before Societies calling for large gifts in 1915, the total Thank-Offering is not quite so large as the one in 1914, but the large increase in regular gifts calls for songs of thanksgiving.

Distribution of Thank-Offering Supplies for 1915.

Orders filled	1,603
Senior and Junior Envelopes	87,827
Senior and Junior Boxes	23,805
Senior and Junior Leaflets	90,147
Scripture Responsive Services	23,427
Messages and Order and Report Blanks	8,760
Total	233,966
Increase over 1914	38,169

Thank-Offering Reports from Foreign Fields.

India.

Sialkot Presbyterial reports six societies having given $112.05 in 1915.

Zafarwal increased one-third over 1914; Sialkot City almost one-fourth; Bawa Lakhau nearly doubled; Memorial Hospital made some increase and Chawindah (a new society) gave its first Thank-Offering.

Gujranwala Presbyterial reports four societies having given $75.00, which sum includes $7.00 given at the meeting of the Presbyterial.

Gurdaspur, Lyallpur, Rawalpindi and Sargodha Presbyterials sent no reports.

Egypt.

Delta Presbyterial reports $562.00; Assiut $227.00; Thebes $90.00; and Middle Egypt $76.00. Total $955.00.

Delta Presbyterial gave a larger Thank-Offering than any one of twenty-six, and Assuit more than any of eight gave in the home-land.

The societies in India and Egypt disburse their offerings to needy objects in their own countries and in the Sudan. Their gifts do not pass through the treasury of the Women's Board, hence they are not counted in the Treasurer's Annual Report of the Thank-Offering.

What of the Future?

Aim for 1916.

1. Let your aim be, a Thank-Offering box in every home, in every congregation, and every inmate a giver.
2. Daily prayers for the mission work the Thank-Offerings help to support.
3. A durable chart on the wall of every room where missionary societies are held giving the Thank-Offering of 1915 and the advanced sum asked for 1916.
4. The best "Ingathering" ever held with the most helpful program and largest attendance.
5. All expense of "Ingathering" paid from the contingent fund of societies and never from the Thank-Offerings.
6. All Thank-Offering blanks well filled out and mailed to Presbyterial Thank-Offering Secretaries before December 1st, 1916.
7. An offering reported from every congregation in the Church one year hence at the Annual Convention.

All these aims can be reached during the year if every member of every society will do her full part through earnest prayer and persevering effort, and in keeping herself well informed through the careful study of the Women's Missionary Magazine from month to month.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER.

REPORT OF 1915 THANK-OFFERING.

Albany	$ 242.01
Allegheny	6797.14
Argyle	953.65
Arkansas Valley	876.48
Beaver Valley	2252.13
Big Spring	494.54
Boston	600.00
Brookville	328.70
Butler	1542.61
Caledonia	892.07
Cedar Rapids	810.25
Chartiers	2579.06
Chicago	815.81
Cleveland	1780.17
College Springs	1244.98
Colorado	812.30
Concordia	253.52
Conemaugh	813.52
Delaware	760.34
Des Moines	1100.85
Detroit	732.37
Frankfort	604.93
Garnett	362.03
Idaho	194.52
Illinois Central	515.40
Illinois Southern	863.54
Indiana	683.59
Indiana Northern	181.27
Iowa Northwestern	202.41
Kansas City	466.56
Keokuk	1049.68
Kiskiminetas	802.92
Lake	895.45
LeClaire	266.79
Los Angeles	1533.67
Mansfield	478.10
Mercer	1248.69
Monmouth	1518.76
Monongahela	12000.00
Muskingum	1543.17
New Jersey	343.25
New York	
Ohio First	934.18
Oklahoma	151.73
Omaha	481.58
Oregon	332.29
The Hudson	352.05
Pawnee	311.78
Philadelphia	1654.01
Pittsburgh	151.32
Puget Sound	526.78
Rock Island	844.87
San Francisco	593.41
Sidney	446.13
Spokane	245.53
Stamford	
Steubenville	1423.75
Tennessee	280.52
Texas	123.41
Uncompahgre	51.64
Vermont	114.74
Westmoreland	2007.69
Wheeling	1237.22
Wisconsin	360.56
Xenia	1289.00
A Friend	10.00
Mrs. J. B. Hall	10.00
Offering, Spokane Convention	41.39
W. M. S., LeClaire Prairie	25.00
Income, E. McCartney Bequest	4.00
Sale of Supplies	314.00
Mrs. E. S. Rockwell	10.00
Mrs. M. L. McClenahan	5.00
Mrs. R. M. Stevenson	2.00
Mrs. Caleb Baldwin	2.00
Mrs. W. Anderson	1000.00
Mrs. M. E. Banfield	5.00
Two Presbyterian Friends	25.00
Total	$67904.81
Interest	1204.38
	$69109.19

MRS. J. B. HILL,
Treasurer.

DISTRIBUTION OF 1915 THANK-OFFERING.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Tuesday, June 6, 1916, the following distribution of the 1915 Thank-Offering was made:

Foreign Missions	$34500.00
Home Missions	7000.00
Freedmen's Missions	15000.00
Indian Missions	2600.00
Parsonage Department	1000.00
Ministerial Relief	715.42
As Designated	8293.77
Total	$69109.19

MRS. J. B. HILL, Treasurer,
5845 Marlborough St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

1915 THANK-OFFERING DESIGNATIONS.

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign Missions	Hanna Memorial	Home Missions	G. B. S., Tanta	Freedmen's Missions	Tanta Hospital	Junior Life Membership	Senior Life Membership	Contingent Fund	Orphans' Home	Columbia Hospital	TOTAL
Allegheny	10.00	10.00	15.00	.....	.....	1150.00	160.00	375.00	.....	5.00	50.00	1775.00
Argyle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	35.00
Arkansas Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	55.00
Beaver Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	325.00	.....	.....	.....	355.00
Boston	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Butler	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	110.00
Caledonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Cedar Rapids	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Chartiers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.00
Chicago	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Cleveland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....	350.00
College Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	130.00
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	70.00
Conemaugh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Detroit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	70.00
Frankfort	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....	115.00
Illinois Southern	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....	85.00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	80.00
Kansas City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.00
Kiskiminetas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	160.00
Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	105.00
Los Angeles	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	78.00
Mansfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Mercer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Monmouth	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	10.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	65.00
Monongahela	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	310.00	700.00	.....	.....	.....	1010.00
Muskingum	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	35.00
Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Omaha	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Pawnee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	35.00
Philadelphia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
Puget Sound	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Rock Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00
San Francisco	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	35.00
Steubenville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.00	.....	.....	.....	125.00
Westmoreland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
Wheeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Xenia	27.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	177.00
A Friend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
A Friend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
W. M. S., LeClaire Prairie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Offering, Spokane Convention	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.39	.....	.....	41.39
Sale of Supplies	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	314.00	.....	.....	314.00
Mrs. Wm. Anderson	.....	.....	.....	1000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000.00
Two Presbyterian Friends	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1204.38	.....	.....	1204.38
TOTALS	$ 47.00	$ 10.00	$ 18.00	$1000.00	$ 5.00	$1289.00	$1210.00	$3100.00	$1559.77	$ 5.00	$ 50.00	$ 8293.77

MRS. J. B. HILL, Treasurer.

REPORT OF

FREEDMEN'S SECRETARY.

"O mighty human brotherhood! why fiercely war and strive,
While God's great world has ample space for everything alive?
Broad fields, uncultured and unclaimed, are waiting for the plow
Of progress, that shall make them bloom a hundred years from now.

Why should we try so earnestly in life's short narrow span,
On golden stairs to climb so high, above our fellow man?
Why blindly at an earthly shrine in slavish homage bow?
Our gold will rust, ourselves be dust a hundred years from now!"

SOME FIFTEEN years ago the late Dr. Jane Vincent began her annual message on Freedmen's work with the statement that our opportunity for good in this field was limited only by our lack of funds to push forward and possess it. This statement tells the story as well today as fifteen years ago. The retrenching policy of the Church as shown by inadequate gifts to maintain work established for years, made it necessary for the Freedmen's Board to close several schools. First, Midway Mission was closed, a teacher here and another there, was withdrawn; but not enough was saved in this way, so Bristol, Birmingham and the literary part of the work at Cleveland was dropped. The modest salaries paid, with living expenses increased, the short term of service, per year—nine months— and traveling expenses to and from the field make it an ever increasing problem to fill vacancies promptly, where white teachers are employed. Such was the case in several instances this year. The sewing department at Chase City was not opened until January for lack of a teacher, and the domestic science department at Norfolk has not been in operation this year. We have had only 46 workers as against 50 last year.

Mrs. C. H. Johnson who labored for many years in Miller's Ferry and superintended Robinson Memorial Hospital without any remuneration, owing to ill health was compelled to seek a change and she is now living in Birmingham, Ala. She writes, "I am not well enough for service, yet homesick for Miller's Ferry. I can not work but I can pray and may God bless the women in our Convention this year."

Every Presbyterial but *one* contributed something this year to this department. *Three* salaries are pledged and were paid in full by Monongahela, Detroit and the Young Women's Special. The Junior Societies of Monongahela made the little daughter of their missionary a Junior Life Member, over and above all their other work. The new dormitory built at Prairie last year was furnished early in the summer and was ready when school opened in the fall. Our mission "people have a mind to work," and they cleaned the building, and hauled the furniture from the railroad several miles away, free of charge, unpacked and put it in place and then wished that they were boys and girls again that they might begin life with these advantages and surroundings. Brick and material for the foundation of this building, purchased at different places was a bit off color, and the Principal of the school, Mr. Ellitott, had it all

painted and stenciled at a cost of $30.00 and gave this as his contribution to the Hall. Mr. Elliott has also planted out about 150 trees at his own expense, hoping in time to have fruit enough to help out in dormitory expenses. Last year we told you something was in planning for Camden. It materialized in the form of a new building to replace the old boys' dormitory, known as Vincent Hall, which was entirely too small and sadly out of repair. This building was paid for by the Junior Special and includes three rooms for the Assistant Principal's family, a large sitting room for the boys, eight bed rooms, each of which can accommodate a double and single bed, and a bath room. There is no dining room or kitchen, as the boys eat in the domestic science building. A new roof was put on the Jennie H. Gallespie Memorial School Building at Prairie and buildings at Miller's Ferry were painted.

Tennessee Presbyterial has a good report this year, be sure and look it up in the Statistical Report.

Many more boxes and barrels of clothing could have been used. Cotton is the valuable asset in the Southland and as long as the boll weevil gets the best of the crop, so long will money be scarce. Down stairs at the Freedmen's exhibit, you may see pictures of some of the children who went to school bare-footed all winter. Many who had made application for entrance had to withdraw for lack of funds to pay tuition and furnish books. As far as possible wood, food stuff and work, were taken in place of money, but there was a limit to the powers of consumption of peas and potatoes and many were turned sadly away.

Heretofore we have rushed Conventions through our Mission Field on the fastest express train known. Going over three thousand miles in twenty minutes, and only a second allowed for stop at each mission. This year we ask you to board our air ship, make unknown, and ascend into space high enough to glimpse to the whole field. Ah! there's Bristol, would that we might still claim you as our own, Knoxville from this height seems quite near Bristol, we can easily discern Dr. McGranahan and his aids as by "wireless" they flash their reports, Miss McCahon, Bible reader, 1002 visits made and 184 class meetings for Bible study and prayer.

We hear no message from Miss McDill for the reason that soon after the new year opened both Miss McDill and Miss Anna Weir, our sewing teachers, were forced to give up work on account of ill health, and Miss McGregor and Miss Barber have succesfully filled their places the past months. Miss Flo Foster reports 84 pupils in the dressmaking department. In this department the uniforms worn by the pupils are made. $655 was paid for material and work and a cash balance on hand of $634.13, and material valued at $300. In McCulloch Hall, Miss Clara Speer has cared for one hundred boys and has charge of the Young Men's Christian Association of 25 members. Elnathan Hall has been Home to 120 girls during the year, nearly all are professing Christians and while there has been disappointment in the lives of a few, the large majority are faithful in all their duties in school and house work and have joy in Christian service. Miss Margaret Beveridge, the matron, says perhaps the greatest encouragement is the word received after they have let the school, of faithful lives and service rendered elsewhere. In the boarding department the pupils do the work, each pupil working one hour a day. Every available space in the large

dining room was taken during the winter. As spring comes on some have dropped out and there is more room. The domestic science department had 75 girls enrolled. This is a few more than usual. The course in text-books has been enlarged. This year Physiology and Hygiene have been included.

Athens reports every child in school takes sewing, boys as well as girls. The largest boys make blouses and have learned to patch and darn. Raffia work is taught and they enjoy this work very much. Miss Dollie Warren has been the teacher for some years. She asks for a leave of absence at the close of the school term. The domestic science department enrolled 36 with Miss Amelia B. Cook in charge. Miss Cook is a daughter of the late Rev. J. L. Cook, founder of the Athens Mission. We hope you notice that high board fence, so sadly out of repair, an item which means dollars.

Riceville, Prof. Jones asks us to acknowledge in the Magazine a box of books from some place in Ohio unaccompanied by any name or address. This request reached us too late for the last Magazine report so we notice it here. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Harper have charge of the industrial work. They have written about the date this report was to be given but their wireless must be out of order, as we fail to catch any message.

Cleveland, Tenn., Rev. D. F. White, Miss Francis Dick and Miss Lizzie Bradford, greet the Women's Convention. Religious and industrial work is being done here. This is our first attempt to have a purely industrial school. We are somewhat handicapped owing to pupils being in the public school, but cooperation is aimed for and the work is encouraging 49 in the sewing classes and 20 in cooking.

Arlington, Ala., Rev. John T. Arter in charge, Mr. Arter has a long memory. Yes, that is Arlington where proudly waving in the breeze is the "stars and Stripes." More than fifteen years ago two members of our Board visited this mission and one of them was led to offer the nation's flag to the school. At that time the principal was not sure that it would be wise to float that banner over a Negro school in Alabama and the matter was dropped. A few weeks ago, *memory* and the desire for that flag led Mr. Arter to write and ask if that offer was still good? If so, there was no reason now why it could not be accepted. The flag was sent.

Oh! Star Spangled Banner long may you wave
O'er the land of the free, not o'er master and slave.
May all who behold it true freedom attain
By the blood of our Savior washed free from all stain.

Arlington enrolls 285, one hundred of whom are in the boarding department. Mrs. Edna Jenkins is matron, Mrs. Della Harris and Miss Bertha Torrence taught domestic science and sewing to 103 pupils each.

At Prairie there is something doing. This is mothers' night and on exhibition is the sewing they have done. The sewing class in school will have to be alert to keep abreast of the mothers' class, remarked one. Fifty women are enrolled in this class, "The Home Beautiful," is their motto. Houses have been whitewashed, fences built, flowers planted, cleanliness and sanitation taught as well as the care of small children and the sick. Family worship and family gathering around the table at least twice a day emphasized. Usually the women wear black or dark skirts and white waists, but tonight, see they are all in white for their teacher and leader is going to the Women's General Missionary Conven-

tion and that Convention is taking notice of them. The opening exercises are conducted by two old mothers who can not read, but no matter, they have committed two Pslams and a number of Bible verses and recite them. Three of these women rode eight miles every Friday from the village of Rehoboth, four walked four miles from Flatwood, four walked four miles from Midway, two came twice a month from Gastonburg and the others live from three to four miles away in our Prairie district. There were only 21 boarders in the Hall this year, many applicants were turned away because we could not furnish enough work for them to earn their way. The Women's Missionary Society with Mrs. W. P. Brooks as president, is working up interest in missions. Their Thank-Offering was $26 and $6 was given to help pay tuition for poor children, so they could go to school. Miss Margetta Johnson superintends the young women, they contributed to Y. W. Special and the Thank-Offering. The Juniors had 23 new members. 39 professed Christ during the year; nine uniting with our own Church. Miss Nida Johnson had 53 sewing pupils and says, "I believe the year's work has counted for much good. Owing to the hard times, our sewing department has not done all I had planned. We have managed to pay our running expenses with a little surplus which we sent to the Board. Uniforms have been made for the 'Hall' girls; all the girls like to wear the uniforms, and the community girls want them also, so they bring their material from home and have them cut by the uniform patterns. The second-hand clothing was much appreciated and very helpful. Mrs. Elliott says, "I used up everything and could have used more. Have two boys out of both school and Sabbath school now, no pants. A society has promised me some cloaks to make pants. Suppose I'll get them soon." Society! *Please don't forget.*

On the farm the tenants planted more food stuff and less cotton, so while money was scarce all had enough to eat. Sweet potatoes, sugar cane, corn and rice were grown and garden stuff. A few have a cow each, and this year are adding hogs to their outfit. The Superintendent raised on his 40 acres 3 bales of cotton, 600 bushels of corn, 20 tons of hay, 150 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of sweet potatoes. Received from sale of cotton $208.70, from farm products, $270.75. Rent from tenants, $292.01.

Miller's Ferry was quarantined part of the winter on account of three cases of small pox and the reports have been received at irregular periods and the work somewhat interferred with. No annual reports have been received. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Johnson have retired from active service in this mission and Rev. I. H. Bonner has charge.

At Canton Bend, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Cotton are rounding out 20 years of service with a short period of absence spent in the Prairie mission work. From an almost hopeless beginning, with a chart class, when white people told them they could never make anything out of "these cattle," they have seen wonderful changes in many ways. First all opposition to the work from the white people has passed away. The Negroes in the community who are the active workers in churches and business are one time pupils of this school and although many of them are of other denominational faith, they still stand by what they were taught in the mission. The sewing department enrolled 134 and had an average attendance of 124 for seven months.

Miss Miller had 35 domestic science pupils. A Junior Society and a Women's Missionary Society are doing good work. Mrs. Cotton says, "We could not measure up to the Standard of Efficiency, we failed utterly over tithe paying and ten per cent. increase in membership."

Camden. The wireless will not work and no report received. Miss Woodward is back at her post restored in health, and Miss Cargill is in the sewing department. See a picture of the new Vincent Hall at the exhibit table.

Bluestone, Va. Miss Mary Etta Davis and Miss Sara B. Davis teach the industrial departments. 20 take cooking and 53 sewing. Rev. Williams writes, "Practically all the children in the community are in the school. Miss Davis reports that she visited in all the homes and was pleased to find that lessons learned at school were put in practice at home. Yards were clean and well kept, flowers were plentiful in the front yard and vegetables and mellons in the back yard. In the house table covers and articles of needle work were in evidence. But, best of all the manners and conduct of the girls who had been in school were a contrast to those who had not had any training. "Bread cast upon the waters is returning."

That brand new brick building is Chase City's new school building of which they are justly proud. In domestic science the text-books adopted by the State Board of Virginia have been introduced and found very satisfactory. 114 are enrollad. Under Miss Esdon's supervision meals were served by the advanced classes to some 60 teachers during the County Teachers' Association for Negroes. Miss Frye went to Chase City January 1st to take charge of the sewing and has given satisfaction. 114 were in her classes, also Miss Campbell had 84 girls and 44 boys this year and all have had remarkably good health and good appetites as evidenced by the bread consumed, 23,680 loaves from September 6th to April 28th, an average of 2950 each month and they do not live on bread alone, but have other food in proportion.

At Townsville, Miss Mattie Smith taught sewing to 105 pupils.

Henderson. Miss Warren had 72 pupils in domestic science, Miss Field 99 in sewing and Mrs. Tarter 64 in dressmaking. Miss Field writes, "I try to teach my pupils to appreciate what is being done for them by our good white friends of the North. Personally I can never be able to express my appreciation of what has been and still is being done for us." Miss Field's mother is quite ill in Jubilee Hospital and not much hope that she will recover. Mrs. Tarter writes, "I am at times agreeably surprised at the talent the girls display for doing beautiful work. So many of them come from farms and have been accustomed to work in the fields and have had no chance to do any needle work before. I once showed a corset cover made by a Negro girl from the country to a lady from the North. She exclaimed, 'My how beautiful.' Then she asked me if I would sell it to her. She said, 'I want to take it home and show it to my people that they may realize that these girls are capable of doing such lovely work.' She added, 'It is elevating to make beautiful things.'" Therefore I hope the Christian women of the North, who through their beneficence are giving to the Negro girls of the South an opportunity for mental and industrial development may realize that not only does the intellect become brightened and the hands skilled, but the moral and spiritual natures are so touched and re-

fined by your love and kindness they are vibrating with a strength and vigor hitherto unknown.

Jubilee Hospital has had a goodly number of patients, 3 girls were taking nurse training for part of the year, but only one is sticking to the work, the other two became discouraged. Running expenses have been met and a balance of $16.14 in the treasury.

Norfolk has sent no annual report. A letter received from Mrs. Diggs, our sewing teacher, sometime ago tells of the good done by the industrial work and the demand for it. Norfolk has some good free schools for Negroes, also a High School in the City, but these do not reach all and give no religious or industrial instruction. We still need our school in Norfolk.

OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts by Presbyterials, $5,320.00; a *decrease* of $190.00. Industrial Departments, $716.56; an *increase* of $15.76.

Young Women's Special, $420.00.

Junior Special, $2687.10.

Interest and refund, $329.50.

Individuals, societies, S. S. Classes, $37.45.

Thank-Offering, $14000.00.

Total, $23,589.11.

Expended, $23,659.10.

Receipts, $69.99, less than expenses. We had a balance of $207.91, and this enables us to close accounts and still have a balance of $137.92.

The average offering of societies, women and young women, is a fraction over 18 cents per member.

"Hath she done what she could?
From all I've heard, from all I've seen,
What know I more that's worth the knowing?
What have I done that's worth the doing?
What have I sought that I should shun?
What duties have I left undone?"

FREEDMEN'S WORKERS, 1915-1916.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Miss Jennie McCahon.
Miss Clara Speers.
Miss Mae Beveridge.
Miss Margaret Beveridge.
Miss Marion Hamlin.
Miss Flo Foster.
Miss Margaret McDill.
Miss McGregor.
Miss Anna Weir.
Miss Viola Barber.

ATHENS, TENN.

Miss Dollie Warren.
Miss Caroline Sheler.

RICEVILLE, TENN.

Mrs. P. L. Jones.
Mrs. Ada Harper.

CLEVELAND, TENN.

Miss Francis Dick.
Miss Lizzie Bradford.

TOWNSVILLE, N. C.

Miss Mattie Smith.

BLUESTONE, VA.

Miss Mary Etta Davis.
Miss Sara B. Davis.

CHASE CITY, VA.

Miss Margaret Campbell.
Miss Harriet Esdon.
Miss Frye.
Mrs. Levina Gaines.

NORFOLK, VA.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler.
Miss Renolds.
Mrs. Velma Diggs.
Miss Lois Shepherd.

ARLINGTON, ALA.

Miss Bertha Torrence.
Mrs. Della Harris.
Mrs. Edna Jenkins.

PRAIRIE, ALA.

Mrs. Thos. M. Elliott.
Miss Nida Johnson.
Mr. Isaac Dumas.

CANTON BEND, ALA.
Mrs. Ella Cotton.
Miss Lucy Woodward.

MILLER'S FERRY, ALA.
Miss H. K. Patrick.
Mrs. Callie Green.
Mrs Lelia Craig.
Mrs. Della Sanderson.
Miss Lillie Moore.

CAMDEN, ALA.
Miss Lucy Woodward.
Miss Adele Cargill.

HENDERSON, N. C.
Miss C. Totten.
Miss Sallie Fields.
Mrs. Rachel Tarter.
Miss Josie Warren.
Mrs. Loving.
Miss Daisy Reid.

REPORT OF

HOME DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FRENCHBURG SCHOOL.

(Continued from June Number).

THE BOYS have faithfully done all the work assigned them to do, many of them paying for board, lodging and tuition this way. Their work has been of various kinds, such as sweeping school rooms, scrubbing floors, cleaning windows, cutting wood, taking care of the furnace and many other things each day. The work in the garden and the care of the vegetables is probably the most important work for the boys during the spring, summer and fall, for the garden must be made, cared for, and harvested. The cutting of wood must be done all winter, as we burn wood at the dormitory and hospital.

One young man who has a crippled hand, and can not do all kinds of work easily, has been assigned the care of the furnace outside of school hours. He has had some experience in that kind of work and does it very well. One incident about him might be told, which will show that he has his work on his mind, and is always ready to do it. He awoke one night about 12:30, and seeing the bright moonlight thought it was getting daylight and got up and made the fire in the furnace. Then he discovered what time it was and banked it again and went back to bed.

Since we do not have free mail delivery in our little village, it is the duty of one boy to make three trips daily to the postoffice. Two boys pare potatoes for one hour every morning, and like their work very much. We are buying two cows, and that will bring a new job for some boy. The work of the boys is done from six to seven in the morning and from three to five in the afternoon. They do not all work the same number of hours, as some of them work for tuition alone, and others for part of their board.

Study Hall.

The regular study hours for the dormitory students are from six to ten o'clock in the evening. They are given the privilege of going to their rooms and going to bed at nine o'clock if they are tired and have their lessons, and almost all the grade students are through studying by that time. The spirit of study is very good, and the fact that we have regular study hours does not mean that it is the only time used for study. Those

who do not work after school always spend part of that time getting their lessons and then they are free a part of the evening to read. We always have students from the town who stay until dark studying. They say they can get their lessons better here than at home. Both dormitory and town students are here and at work from a half hour to an hour before school is called in the morning, except the few who do the morning work. At each study period in the evening some member of the faculty has direct supervision.

Purchasing Supplies.

It is hard to realize what it means to buy supplies for a household like this, especially in this locality. Not that it is a difficult task, but that it takes time. When we need butter we can get a pound one place and two pounds another, and so on; but stores as a rule do not keep it. It is simply impossible to get enough butter here and we have to send away for it. Sometimes eggs are scarce, but most of the time we have plenty.

This past year we raised seventy-five bushels of potatoes and bought one hundred and ten more. We raised also five hundred heads of cabbage, besides tomatoes, cucumbers, etc. We are planning to have a much larger garden this year and a greater variety of vegetables. Our little orchard yielded about forty bushels of apples and we had all we needed without buying any. We bought thirty-six gallons of sorghum molasses last fall, but find now that the supply will not last to the end of the term. Plenty of chickens can be bought, but our nearest market is twenty-five miles away, and we have to go to market over the telephone and get delivery by parcel post.

A number of students have brought produce this year from time to time in payment of their board.

Junior Society.

We have a Junior Society which meets at two o'clock every Sabbath afternoon. Our average attendance is about thirty and the ages of the children vary from three to fourteen years. Most of the dormitory pupils are too old to be interested in Junior, so the children are all from town. One little fellow, four years old, comes regularly every Sabbath afternoon for his afternoon nap, and he sleeps most of the time, but he is a dear little lad and I am hoping to be able to keep him awake sometime. They are learning Psalms, commandments, books and divisions of the Bible, Bible stories, and we have twice gone through the Junior Wall Roll sent us. They all seem interested and I am sure they come because they want to rather than because they must.

The Temporary Dormitory.

Last year the need became imperative for some kind of dormitory and the Board not seeing its way clear as yet to build the permanent "Elizabeth Brown Dormitory" bought a six-roomed cottage on an adjoining property and furnished it for a temporary dormitory. It has a middle room opening on both front and back porches, which is used for the teacher who has charge of them outside of school hours. A wing of two rooms on one side is used for boys, and a wing of three rooms on the other side for girls. In this cottage we began "Mothering on Beaver."

In order to be more sanitary and yet accommodate as many as possible, the rooms were fitted with single double decker beds. Great was the wonder and amusement the first night as to how they would reach the upper berths. Most of the girls had climbed up with more or

less difficulty, but all crawled down again to see a very large girl get into hers. You can imagine how the laugh was turned when she stepped on a chair and mounted much more gracefully than any of the others. Now all are used to them and many prefer the upper deck.

Only two rooms having fire places, the other four are fitted with wood stoves which measure exactly fifteen by nine by twelve inches. As the pipes go up through the ceiling there is more pipe than stove. One boy remarked when he found the rain had run down into the stove, "I'm just beginning to see how handy these stoves are," and suiting the action to the word he held the pipe while another boy carried the stove to the yard and emptied the water out.

One night the teacher heard a little extra commotion and during the night rose several times thinking that she smelt smoke. She understood all when she opened her eyes next morning (as she sleeps on the porch) and saw one little stove standing out in the yard. The pipe had fallen down and the boys had carried the stove out.

The dormitory is more of a sleeping place than a home; for they eat, study and go to school in the other building, yet we try to make it as home-like as possible. There have been many inconveniences such as breaking the ice to wash, bathing in a wash basin, starting fires three times a day, heating water on a one burner oil stove for Saturday scrubbing of rooms and baths, etc., but they have done all cheerfully, singing most of the time. Boys and girls alike take care of and make their own beds, and clean their own rooms.

Thus in these five small rooms we have cared for eighteen students. When the six beds on the boys' side were full we put four boys in one room on the third floor of the school building, and later put the rest in the basement which had a rough board floor and in which the large heater pipes cross the ceiling, making one stoop to go in under them. Then when the twelve beds on the girls' side were full the rest were put in one ward of the hospital. In this way we have cared for thirty-three boys and girls at the same time, and during the year have had for longer or shorter periods twenty-seven girls and nineteen boys under our care. Some had to be kept on the waiting list for some time and others had to be turned away.

The discipline of the dormitory has been more difficult under these conditions than it would otherwise have been. This year's experience has made us long all the more for the permanent dormitory.

The Girls and Their Work.

The work of the dormitory is done by the help of the girls. Thus far there have been twenty-two different girls helping with the kitchen, house work and laundry. Those girls who can not pay either board or tuition work three and four hours each day, others work one and two hours and pay the remainder of board in cash.

They are a busy body of young folk from six in the morning to six in the evening; helping with the meals, washing dishes, putting the dining rooms, kitchen and halls in order, ironing the forty-seven sheets, fifty-six pillow slips, one hundred towels, four table cloths, forty napkins and boys' shirts each week. On Saturday, scrubbing three dining rooms, three halls, ten rooms of the teachers' home, besides the basement laundry rooms. In the fall all extra moments were spent in paring apples for drying, sulphuring and apple butter. Twenty-seven bushels were cared for by these processes.

A happier, more contented lot of girls could not be found in any of our Northern schools where the girls have nothing outside of their school work or social like to consider.

Domestic Science.

In the forty-five minute period of the cooking class, the girls help to prepare some dish for the dormitory tables. It may be only a different way to prepare some vegetable, it may be cookies, pies, salads or may be some cake or pudding that can be easily reproduced in their homes.

The sewing classes begin with the girls of the seventh grade on through the high school. They first learn to hem tea towels and napkins, to make buttonholes, aprons and underwear, all by hand the first year. In the second year they use the machines and learn to cut and fit undergarments and dresses. Most of the girls like to sew and are so careful and neat. They have made a number of garments and if it were possible to find a sale for them, the proceeds could be used to buy the needed material to carry on the class work. We are very grateful for the piece goods and thread that have been sent this year. Some of the aprons, shirts and dresses were used at Christmas time as gifts.

Church Work.

The little church of which the President of the School is the pastor has all the activities of the average congregation, some of which have been described in the preceding pages. There are all the graded classes. There are so many in the Sabbath School that it has been impossible to have it meet in the church. It has to meet at different times and in different places. The Men's Bible Class still continues to meet in the grand jury room of the Court House and is doing splendid work. The attendance at church services is on the increase, thus proving that the mountain man will form habits of regular church attendance. These people are hungry for instruction in the truths in Christ Jesus.

We wish to express our appreciation to every one who has helped our work in any way by donations. The list is too long to publish in this report.

Attendance, 233; Grades, 178; High School, 43; Normal, 12; District Pupils, 140; Cash Tuition, 19; Work Tuition, 34; Moved in, 17; County Tuition, 23; Grade Tuition, $537.30; High School, $250.00; Total, $787.30.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT GREER WEIDLER.

CITY MISSIONS.

Early in the (Church) year, Allegheny Presbytery made application to the Board for a missionary to work in the 12th Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Margaret Heazlett was appointed and began work in June.

She writes: The first year students of the Seminary attend this Mission. They conduct six Gospel meetings each week. I attend four religious meetings each week and four on Sabbath. Number enrolled in Sabbath School, 178; average attendance, 145. We have a Women's, Young Women's and Junior Missionary Society, all interested and doing good work. Have made since October, 736 calls. Statistics do not measure results. God alone knows whether my efforts have been fruitful.

MARGARET HEAZLETT,
Missionary.

WEST ALLIANCE, OHIO.

In the fall a missionary was granted Cleveland Presbytery to work at West Alliance, Ohio, and Miss Sallie Dickey

has been on the field since November the first.

She reports as follows: The West Side work is very interesting but might be very discouraging at times were it not God's work, and were we not therefore sure of ultimate success. There is, however, a good deal of curiosity connected with anything new, and a missionary who had been in India was something new and brought into the school a large number of boys and girls who went to Sabbath School elsewhere in the morning and came to ours in the afternoon, because as one or two of the parents said, "they will be learning something there." We welcome all and try to teach them not "something," but Jesus Christ. The entire West Side, a new and rapidly growing part of the town, has no church building (our services are held in the public school building) and no religious service except ours. Few of the people living here attend regularly any of the down-town churches, and a large number of the families have no church home here or elsewhere. A community prayer meeting is held in the different homes, but interest in things eternal is small and it is poorly attended. except for a number of our Sabbath School boys and girls.

The average attendance in Sabbath School has increased since November first from 31 to 87. Of the 140 pupils enrolled between forty and fifty do not attend Sabbath School any place else. Preaching services have been held once a month since January first. A little missionary society among the girls was organized recently. More than 500 calls have been made by the worker since November first, and many more by the pastor of the first church and others. Pray with us and for us that the fire of God's Holy Spirit may through us light and warm and ignite those into life and a lively interest in the things of God's Kingdom here in Alliance, Ohio.

SALLIE E. DICKEY.

EAST AKRON, OHIO.

Miss Mary A. Workman has been retained at Akron during the year.

She reports as follows: It seems almost incredible that another annual report is due, so fast do the months and years slip by. Our very commodius building, erected by the help of the Board of Church Extension, was formally set apart for worship May 16, 1915. Neither our church membership nor our enrollment in Sabbath School is much larger than it was one year ago, although many names have been added to both rolls. In factory towns there is always a shifting population, and in mission work there is little that can be counted permanent the first few years. Twenty-two have been added to the church, making a membership of 72. The Sabbath School including a cradle roll of 78 and Home Department of 25, totals 295. We have three organized adult classes, but the very beginner beat them in regularity of attendance. However, mothers must always stay home when there is sickness, and all winter one contagion after another, sometimes three and four abroad at once, has swept over our section of the city, and this has very materially crippled our work for the time being. Our Sabbath School has during the year contributed $194.00, including a $50.00 "White Gift" offering.

The Women's Missionary Society and the Juniors have together given $129.52. The Thank-Offering was $40.00, the largest given by any society (United Presbyterian) in the city. Within the past six months a Y. P. C. U. and an Intermediate Society have been organized. The church has purchased a fine piano

and is paying for it outside the regular offerings, on the installment plan. A good mid-week prayer meeting, Junior and a Missionary Society of which we are justly proud, have been steadily maintained. We have had preaching every Sabbath throughout the year, besides two weeks Evangelistic services in February, when fifteen of the Sabbath School pupils took their stand for Christ. Among these was a little twelve year old Hungarian girl. She said, "Jesus helped me to stand for Him," and we think it is true in a very real sense as no one had spoken to her concerning this matter since last year when she said, "I was born a Catholic and I'll die a Catholic." Now she is very sincere and anxious to learn and says she wants to be a foreign missionary, and we trust that God will keep and use her in some special way for His glory. I have made 2245 calls in the homes in the neighborhood, where, for the most part I have been cordially received, and am glad if some one has been happier for my coming.

Very cordially yours,

MARY A. WORKMAN.

QUINCY AVENUE MISSION, PITTSBURG, KANSAS.

Mrs. Mae Daugherty has been retained in this mission during the year.

She writes: We have much to be thankful for as compared with one year ago. At that time neither the school here or at Dunkirk had a meeting place. From the last Sabbath in April, when you were here, Mrs. Cook, until in July we wandered like the Children of Israel in the wilderness; if not in six, it certainly was in confusion. The old building we had always used became unsafe and we had to leave it on short notice. The president of the college gave us permission to use the Chapel for a few days, but this was against the College rules and other plans must be made. We then purchased a tent, held one service in it when it was completely destroyed by a Kansas wind storm. For three Sabbaths we were conveyed in autos to the first church for our afternoon services. During all this time, Rev. Mr. Thompson, pastor of the first church, a committee from that church and a committee from the Quincy Mission were doing their utmost to secure a permanent building. At last the Board of Church Erection came to our aid and we now have our own lovely little Quincy Avenue Chapel. We entered our new house of worship with reverence in our hearts for Him Who can and will do abundantly more than we can ask or think. Unless you have been through just such a struggle you have no idea the amount of work and patience and prayer it requires to overcome all obstacles.

At Dunkirk, the little mining camp seven miles from here, the Chapel will be dedicated this month.

Number in Quincy Sabbath School, 148. Average attendance, 70. Three have united with the church.

Dunkirk enrollment for ten months, 56. Average attendance, 37. Number uniting with the church, 6.

The Gospel Team has done good work during the year. We have assisted in three revivals, besides the regular work. Have had many calls to come to the surrounding camps, but time and my health would not permit.

Our work among the mothers is the delight of my heart. The Quincy Avenue Circle grew so large we were forced to divide into two circles. The second circle now has twenty-two members. Next the Dunkirk Circle was organized with eighteen active members.

One of our members moved into a Quaker settlement twenty-two miles south of here. She at once interested the Quaker women in a mothers' meeting and I was asked to come and organize them. This circle now numbers twenty-three. While the Quakers do not believe in singing, they bought copies of our Children's Praise and are now singing our Psalms. The next call for a Mothers' Circle came from the colored women of out town. This circle now numbers seventeen. One of their own number, a splendid Bible student, is doing the work under my direction. My last circle is only four weeks old. This was organized in a district of our town made up of people of every ism in the world. Some women from this district were persuaded to attend our all day Missionary Day of Prayer, and there became interested in the mothers' work and now have a Mothers' Circle of twenty-two members. The husbands and sons of some of the members of the Mothers' Circle of Dunkirk asked me to teach them as I do the Circle. These men are now organized into a Teachers' Training Class, and rarely miss a lesson.

I find the best way to get into the hearts of these people is to win them socially. For people who have been used to playing cards and drinking, you would be surprised to see how soon they take up with clean games. Have made 1325 calls.

MRS. MAE DAUGHERTY,
Missionary.

ALAMO HEIGHTS MISSION,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Miss Edith Warnock was continued at this mission for the year.

She reports as follows: In looking over the past year many changes have taken place. We have not grown in number as we would like but have grown in interest and spirituality. Sabbath School meets at 2:30 and Rev. C. E. McStravick, of the first church, preaches at 3:30 each Sabbath. Sabbath School enrollmen, 62. Average attendance, 40. A Women's Missionary Society organized a year ago, numbers eight members. Not one member had ever been a member of any missionary society or taken part in any religious meeting before. Now all are willing to take part and with the exception of one or two, will lead in prayer. Have made 980 calls.

EDITH WARNOCK,
Missionary.

OAK GROVE CHAPEL,
ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Under the supervision of the Rev. J. L. Vance, the pastor of the first church of Rock Island, work was started in a new and growing residence district of the city in May, 1914. Just a little more than a year later a new chapel was dedicated known as the Oak Grove Chapel. Preaching services were begun on the day of the dedication and in connection with the Sabbath School have been continued ever since.

Miss Elizabeth McMillan was appointed missionary to this field and has been at work since November the first. She writes: Fifty-four families are in touch with the mission. The majority of the adults had not been attending any church before our mission was started. One man, the father of two of our Sabbath School girls, said he had not been in church for over twenty years. A mother who was invited to prayer meeting said she had never been to such a meeting and did not know how to pray. Rev. Mr. Vance has given us four special and very helpful lectures lately.

His topics were: First, Religion; second, The Church; third, Presbyterianism, and fourth, Our Own Denomination. We had a good attendance each evening and many are awakened to real interest in things of the Kingdom. The question of uniting with the church is a live one these days. A member of our missionary society presented the Chapel with a fine bell. It yields a rich clear tone, which carries far. We pray that very many may be lead to Christ our Lord and Master through the church in which it rings.

One of the most encouraging features of the work is the Young People who are taking up the work in the Sabbath School and Y. P. C. U. with much interest.

Intemperance is one of the besetting sins, beginning in many families at a very early age, and is a great hindrance in our work.

Sabbath School enrollment, 155. Average attendance, 58. New members in four months, 91. Offerings, $15.39. Average attendance of missionary society, 15. Offerings, $12.10. Average attendance at prayer meeting, 18. Our Young People's Society has sixteen live members. Average attendance, 18. Offerings of congregation for four months, $46. Average attendance, 28. Calls, 971. May the Lord bless His work abundantly in this new field and send His wonderful working power upon His servant.

ELIZABETH MCMILLAN,
Missionary.

MONTROSE, COLORADO.

Miss Aulora McIntyre who was appointed to this field for six months began work January the first.

She writes as follows: Doubtless conditions in Montrose are not unique. If we could look into the home and church life of many in the cities of the West, we would find conditions similar to those found here. In 550 visits, 230 reported as belonging to the Protestant Church and 230 not identified with the Protestant or Catholic Church, showing that there are as many non-church members or connected with some unorthodox cult as there are members of the Protestant churches. In half of the families reporting as Christian, one member at least, usually the husband, was not a Christian.

Our Sabbath School has left the fifties during the past three months and now has an enrollment of 123 with an average attendance of 94. A Young People's Christian Union has just been organized. What seems of the greatest importance of all is the fact that the spirit of fellowship and Christian love seems to be growing. This is as it should be, and only so can we hope to grow within spiritually—and without; to commend our church to the world.

AULORA R. MCINTYRE,
Missionary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF IRMA G. ALLEN, LOS ANGELES PRESBYTERY, CAL.

The report of a City Missionary is always a chapter of "beginnings." She goes ahead to blaze the trails, stake a few foundations, sow a little seed here and there and then move on to the next new field. But oh, the joy of the seeding time. Buoyant hope and glowing promise abound at every trun. "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, believing, that will I do that the Father may be glorified." Thus fortified with the promise of sure reward, and an earnest desire to do the Master's work she goes from one duty to another.

Therefore my annual report will be but a broken story of "beginnings."

When the year opened it found me dividing my time between Culver City and Florence Avenue congregations.

Having begun the work in Culver City on "the ground floor" every thing worked in small numbers, though not at all discouraging. The Missionary Society organized in March was perhaps the most promising department. A pastor having taken charge I closed my work July 1st.

Florence Avenue having passed through an upheavel of Exodus even to losing their pastor during the previous year began to move forward again. During my six months' stay there all departments began to take on new life and increase both in numbers and interest. There is great hope for this mission in the future, as it is the only church in the field. Many already have been brought to Christ and others reclaimed.

The new pastor and family were well settled when I closed my work September 1st. I felt that it had been a joy and privilege to have been associated with this field for a second time.

The remainder of the year has been spent in the new field at Yorba Linda. This is a new tract of citrous-growing fruit about one and one-half miles radius, of 5 and 10-acre ranches. The present population is about 500. Fully one-half of the ranches are owned by non-residents; hence there is promise of a doubled population by the time the orange and lemon trees are full bearing. The prospect for a good strong congregation in a few years is very promising. The Friends is the only other denomination on the field. Since that denomination does not meet all the needs of the people, on presentation of a petition from interested members of the community, the Los Angeles Presbytery has consented to take up the work.

Although we are privileged to use a room in the school house for an afternoon service, a building is greatly needed. We are now awaiting a favorable reply to our application to the Home Board for assistance.

An adult Bible class holds sessions one-half hour before the preaching service each Sabbath afternoon.

A Missionary Society of 16 good strong members has been organized.

Plans are now being made to organize a congregation the last of April.

In a Mexican settlement, two miles from Yorba Linda I have a Sabbath School and am trying to do some settlement work. These people are not from Mexico as the term would imply, but decendents of the Indians and the early Mexican settlers of California. They speak the Spanish language, though many of them also speak English. They are mostly Catholics, but no services of that faith are maintained. They get a Priest to serve them at funeral services and marriage ceremonies.

The Sabbath School which meets in the school house is at many times disappointing. They know not the meaning of the Sabbath, and frequently forget to send their children to Sabbath School. Little attention is paid to time, hence 10 o'clock in the morning means any time before eleven.

One day when no children came I went around to some of the homes to learn the reason. Imagine my surprise to have the children say, "Why, we did not know it was Sabbath." Another time: it was the day after a good "pay day." All the Mexicans were off celebrating. They know little of the value of money. Their money soon goes for pleasure and vice. It is common to see a Mexican pay

fifty cents for the first watermelon, when perhaps he lives in a house with only the earth for a floor.

Thus far my attempt to have a mothers' meeting at the school house has failed. I still meet them in their homes with one or two present. Pictures for the children and lessons to the mothers in the art of crocheting socks for their babies with an occasional opportunity to speak of spiritual things mostly make up my work among the mothers. It is slow work I am told by others who have tried it elsewhere. Nevertheless the need is *tremendously great*. I am praying that my effort may bring good to these spiritually needy people. In order to have a greater influence with them I am studying the Spanish language. Already the few sentences I can master please them greatly. Those who read Spanish read the books of John in Spanish which I provide for them.

During the year I have made 1023 calls. Since coming to Yorba Linda in September I have walked 237 miles. Each Sabbath day's journey is four miles.

I know I have been given the strength for these strenuous days because others have remembered me and my work so often in prayer. Please continue to remember your California missionary. The demands upon her strength are very great some days. She needs your prayers. She needs power from on high for grace and wisdom.

Respectfully,
IRMA G. ALLEN.

MUTES, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Mrs. F. C. Metcalf, the interpreter to the Mutes writes: My report will be brief, for nothing unusual has happened. The services have been interpreted every Sabbath morning and there is a steady spiritual growth. Have held three very enjoyable social affairs, two at my home and one at the church, with an average attendance of thirty-five. One couple was married in January. One of the women is a member of the Missionary Society and takes great interest in the work. Seven made pledges for the support of the church work. They feel it a privilege to give to the Lord's work rather than a duty. We have every reason to feel encouraged with our work.

MRS. F. C. METCALF.

ALIEN WORK.

Croatian Mission, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Another year of mission work is closed and we take a look backward to April 1, 1915. During this year the attendance has been much more regular than in previous years, though the average increase is small. The pupils are taking more interest in getting others to come.

Interest in the Mission is also being aroused not only in Allegheny Presbyterial, but in some of the churches in neighboring Presbyteries. Numerous requests have come from different societies for a talk on the Croatian work, and all such requests are granted. In general the test of a mission is its efficiency in saving souls, but keep ever in mind the process that goes on under ground and out of sight before the corn and wheat appear—the planting, the showers, the cultivating. We are in that stage now; there has been no open confession of Christ, but there is more thought for others, greater politeness, less selfishness and cleaner speech. If the Catholic church now in their midst could be replaced by a live Protestant Church, most of them would attend and good Protestants they would make. But so long as the Catholic church is there and they are compelled to go, they have divided

hearts, and some families will not send their children to the mission at all.

Our hold on the boys is less good than on the girls. There is nothing for the boys actually to do; they soon tire of games, never of Bible stories, but that is not sufficient to bring and hold a large number. The girls find an outlet for their energies in the sewing class, but we do not have the facilities to provide an escape-valve for the activities of the boys. The attractions on the outside are hard for boys of their environment, to say nothing of their heredity, to resist. Not that the boy problem is hopeless, but it is less encouraging than we would wish. Whenever any of these children express a desire for a Bible it is given them, and the older are following day by day the same Bible readings that the first church is using. The boys prefer to have the Bible told them rather than read it for themselves. As few of the parents speak English, the work is done mostly among the children.

The future we cannot tell. In humility and in faith we are doing our best at the planting and watering, but "God alone giveth the increase."

We turn again and yet again to the "great multitude which no man can number, of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues." So we know there will be Croatians there and we look forward to finding some of ours among them.

Statistics.

Average attendance at Sabbath School	51
Average attendance Boy's meetings	11
Average attendance Sewing class	11
Average attendance afternoon meeting for small children	19
Total week day average	41
Total contributions	$42.21

Disbursements.

Emergency Fund	$ 4.00
Sudan Mission Boat	5.00
Hospital in India	4.00
Tanta Hospital	4.00
Frenchburg Dormitory	4.00
Our own Sabbath School supplies and current Expenses	21.21
Visits by worker	501

ELIZABETH HAMILTON,
Missionary.

WILMERDING AND RANKIN DISTRICT.

Miss Anna DeSantis resigned from the work in this district to take a course in the White Bible School in New York City, and was succeeded by Miss Emilia Tron, who reports as follows: The Sabbath School in Wilmerding has an enrollment of 125 and an average attendance of 81. Rankin Sabbath School is small with an enrollment of only 25, but the field is very needy, and the Sabbath School is on the increase. On Sabbath a preaching service is held at Wilmerding at 4:30 p. m. and one at Rankin at 7:30 p. m., by the Rev. Mr. Scarpitti. The regular attendance at Wilmerding is 25 and at Rankin 15, although with the steriopticon pictures of the Life of Christ we had over 60 present at Rankin. These lantern meetings have done much good in reaching the Italians. We have held women's meetings weekly with an attendance of sixteen. The sewing schools in both places have been well attended. The children take great interest in learning to sew. The attendance in Wilmerding has been 21 and in Rankin 25. English classes are held in Rankin twice a week with an enrollment of nineteen young men and an average attendance of twelve. March the twelfth, our new Italian Chapel was dedicated in Wilmerding and we believe the work will be more encouraging and the Italians more interested. We praise God for His blessing on the work and give Him all the glory for what has been accomplished.

EMILIA TRON,
Missionary.

BRUSHTON ITALIAN MISSION.

Miss Ribet has been continued in this mission and reports as follows: Another year has passed by and our heavenly Father has been kind with us. If the harvest has not been as large as we desired, nevertheless He called some souls to repentance and to accept the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. I visited 76 new families and told them of our Saviour. My heart aches thinking of the religious ignorance of my country people. They all know a good deal about saints, the madonna, miracles performed by dead people and by Popes, but they know very little about our God and Saviour, and nothing about the Bible. Some of them never heard about the Word of God. Others are told it is a bad Book and is a sin to read it. "Would your read a piece of the Bible?" is the question that some women ask me. "I like those parables of Jesus" some will say. After reading and explaining the meaning we kneel down and pray. Others say to me, "Miss Ribet why you go around the house speaking about God, and why you tell the people that to drink beer and wine and whiskey is bad, will anything come to you if people quit drinking?" That is my chance to teach these poor women a good temperance lesson, because not only men drink liquor among my people, but women also.

Last summer during vacation Mr. Renzetti, two American girls and myself, opened a school in a vacant building. The Young People of our Mission paid the rent. The first week the room was crowded and the children were happy. We taught them verses of the Bible and Bible stories and they learned to sing, "Children Come." After the first week the school went down and what do you think was the matter? The Priest went after the parents telling them if they continued to send their children to a Protestant school he would throw them out of his church It worked all right, for we were left with only our own children. I tell you this to show you with what we have to contend. We received nine new members and some are ready for our Easter communion. Our cradle roll has been enlarged by thirteen new babies, making a total of twenty-eight.

After hard work we succeeded in organizing the Venia Smith Missionary Society. We now have eight members and all are working for new members.

I made 1623 calls. Calls for sickness, 120. My prayer is that God may open the hearts of the people to see the Light of the Gospel and that they may be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

Very respectfully,
MISS ELENORE RIBET,
Missionary.

SECOND ITALIAN U. P. MISSION OF PITTSBURGH, PA.

BRUSHTON DISTRICT.

Rev. Mr. Renzetti, the pastor, reports: To write all the blessings our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us would be a hard undertaking. Although the harvest has not been great, nevertheless God has used us another year to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the hearts of those who knew Him not. Many of the Italians went back to Italy this year of so great trouble to Europe. Almost six hundred left this district.

The opening of the night school by the city just one block from our mission took many from our school, that through the school could be brought to Christ, for the night school of our mission is the channel through which we can more easily approach our people and give them the Gospel. Our Sabbath School

is not very large. The pupils are children of parents who belong to our church; they will be the Christians of tomorrow. Our Y. P. Societies are all enthusiastic. They know how to do things, and are not ashamed to pray and tell publicly of their faith in Jesus Christ. At the Bible study which is held every Sabbath morning we deal mostly in teaching the difference of the Roman Catholic doctrine in the light of the Word of God. May God give us more souls for His Kingdom next year, for that is our prayer and our only desire.

Statistics.

Communicants last report	80
Present number	69
Increase by profession	9
Decrease by removal	19
By death	1
Sermons preached	50
Average attendance	61
Average attendance Bible Class	26
Sabbath School scholars	71
Average attendance	53
Average attendance prayer meeting	27
Members Christian Endeavor	28
Infant baptisms	12
Funerals	4
Weddings	2
Calls	850
Bibles sold	4
New Testaments free	10

Contributions.

Evening service	$181.42
Sabbath School	65.53
Total	246.95

Disbursements.

Thank-Offering	$ 12.41
Home Missions	48.00
Benevolences outside denomination	65.33
Congregational Expenses	37.17

By Sabbath School.

Home Missions	$ 6.90
Columbia Hospital	3.00
Temperance	3.37
Total	$231.86

Respectfully submitted,

REV. MICHELE RENZETTI.

FIRST ITALIAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Mrs. Josephine Pasquarella was appointed to work in the First Italian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and has been on the field three months.

Rev. Mr. Fortunato, the pastor of the congregation, wrote in regard to her: "She is doing wonderfully well; is liked by the people both young and old. She goes into the homes of the Italians, speaks of Godliness and of cleanliness and she is welcome. On Sabbath day, before the Sabbath School she goes to the homes to get the children, she washes and combs them and makes them to appear more attractive to their parents and brings them to Sabbath School; the little ones being proud to look nice and neat. The Sabbath School has increased in number till the room is full to its capacity. With the increase of the scholars the Lord sends more teachers to meet the needs of the school."

Mrs. Pasquerella writes: I am taking more and more pleasure in this work of the Lord. The priest is becoming more active; he has noticed my presence in the field. He asked me to not bother the Italians, as they are all Catholics. I replied, "That may be true, but they are far from being Christians." He then said, "It is no use to talk with those who are cursed by God" and walked on. I talked with one mother and explained who are the true saints of God, and that God alone through Jesus Christ has the power and the will to help us. I read the 115th Psalm and prayed. She now sends three of her children to our Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOSEPHINE PASQUERELLA.

SUMMING UP.

The Home Department has supported the Mountain Work at Frenchburg, Ky., including the salaries of nine teachers, five workers among the Aliens, an interpreter to the deaf mutes, and nine City Missionaries.

Missionaries were granted to five new stations, namely, Twelfth Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.; First Italian, Pittsburgh, Pa.; West Alliance, Ohio; Rock Island, Ill.; and Yorba Linda, Cal. A congregation was organized at Culver City, Cal., a minister in charge and our missionary, Miss Allen, was transferred to the new work at Yorba Linda, Cal.

Miss DeSantis resigned from the work in the Wilmerding, Rankin Districts, to enter Dr. White's Bible School in New York and Miss Emilia Tron was appointed in her place.

More than 12000 calls were made by these workers, not counting calls made by our Mountain Workers. The message has been carried to many, and we trust that in due time will bear fruit for the Master's use.

For the Coming Year.

The erection of the new Elizabeth D. Brown Dormitory, Frenchburg, Ky., to cost approximately $16,000.00 The furnishing and maintenance of the same, including the maintenance of the present school building and the Infirmary, together with the salaries of the present workers and one additional teacher. The support of the present city missionaries and workers among the Aliens and probably several new missionaries. All this will require $40,000.00

We ask for an increased interest in your prayers and in your gifts. May we do more this year for the work in the home-land than ever before.

Total receipts for year ending April 15, 1916, $22,848.31; Total Disbursements, $24,827.49; Credit Balance, $15750.89.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. S. COOK.

REPORT OF

INDIAN SECRETARY.

IN PRESENTING the report of the Indian Work for the year 1915-16 to this Convention, I do so with a confidence in your interest, because the work is entirely your own, supported altogether by your contributions and encouraged largely by your prayers.

The year just closing has been one of the most successful since the department was given to me. Our three fields are well manned and we have had more accessions to the church—ten at Warm Springs and fifteen at Tama—twenty-five souls rescued from paganism, as dark as that which exists in the so-called heathen countries.

Last June we were much discouraged because Presbytery refused to release the Rev. Mr. C. C. Kyle, who had been elected to fill the vacancy at Tama. We were anxiously concerned for the work there, because rumors, which seemed well founded, reached us that the Roman Catholics were awaiting an opportunity to open a mission on this reservation.

To help us in our dilemma, Mr. Chas. H. McClung, a student in the Pittsburgh Seminary, offered his services and was on the field by the middle of July. He

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kept the mission open during the Summer and early Autumn, and almost to the time our permanent worker arrived.

In October the Rev. Mr. R. G. Smith, who almost four years ago had charge of the work at Tama, was re-elected and he arrived on the field November 13th. The Indians gave him a splendid welcome, saying they were glad to see him and his wife back in the mission house and the house opened for them once more.

Cupid was not idle, if the mission work did "lag a bit," for a wedding ceremony was one of Mr. Smith's first duties upon his return. This, alone, is evidence of a higher civilization and spiritual awakening. Until very recently a Christian marriage ceremony was considered entirely unnecessary. The marriage and divorce laws being subject to their own sweet wills. A number of Christian marriages have been performed since Mr. Smith's return.

In the five months he has been at Tama, he has made many calls, preached at the Mission, conducted two Sabbath Schools and ministered to the sick when called upon to do so.

Much of our work at the three stations is done through pastoral visits and ministrations to the sick. In this way their love and confidence is won. A. Y. M. C. A. has also been organized here and the Indian men, young and old, enjoy these meetings under the missionaries' supervision. Many needed repairs have been ordered done on the mission house, which when completed will make it more home-like, and incidently a good object lesson for the Indians.

A year ago, last November, our missionary at Warm Springs bade farewell to his congregation in Davenport, Iowa, turned his face toward the "setting sun" to take up the work among the Indians of this reservation. The thought of laboring among these people had never been entertained, but the call came to Mr. Jackson and the decision to accept the appointment never has been regretted. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson esteem it a privilege to minister to these dark skinned brothers, whom they have learned to love.

While there are many discouragements here on account of the chains that bind the people to old superstitions, we have an organized congregation of 107 members with a native session, and the most of the members are living up to their best knowledge of the Christian belief. A horse buyer, who spent some time in the home of one of the elder's recently, had nothing but praise for his character, saying, "Why he prayed before each meal and sometimes after." This act of worship came as a surprise to the white man for the elder reported he had to ask him to wait for the blessing.

At Warm Springs there is a Missionary Society and it contributes regularly to the work of the women of the denomination. Mrs. Jackson is making an effort to secure a Thank-Offering and envelopes are received containing only a nickel; but this is a forward step, teaching them that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Here we have a nice church building, which has recently been put in good repair and services are held every Sabbath. The Sabbath School is held in the Government Boarding School nearby and about 125 boys and girls are thus brought under the influence of the missionary and his teachers; hearing the Gospel message as presented in the Sabbath School lessons each week, using the Psalter Hymns in their song service. Nine girls from this school confessed Christ and joined the church this year.

Our Oregon fields are in a mountain-

ous country, and the people widely separated. The roads the missionaries travel in their ministrations are narrow, rocky and in some seasons of the year really dangerous. The workers are isolated and if it were not for the Government employees they would not see a white face for months at a time.

At Simnasho the same conditions prevail as at Warm Springs. We have a nice church building in which services are held every Sabbath by Mr. Matthews. During the winter, which was extremely cold and snowy, some of the older Indians walked eight and ten miles through deep snow to attend the church services. Work among the children is emphasized. In addition to the Sabbath School, Mr. Matthews has an hour each Friday afternoon in the Government Day School in which he gives religious instruction. The average monthly attendance at the Sabbath School ranges all the way from 35 to 90, according to weather conditions.

A Bible reader has been granted to Mr. Matthews and he hopes to reach more of the older Indians through this young girl, who will read the Scripture to them in their native tongue. One of the men here was ordained an elder of our congregation and this means more than we can imagine. When they come out and take a decided stand for Christianity, they are ostracized from the society of their friends and neighbors. Already this man is feeling and facing the scorn of his friends and we ask your prayers that he may be firm in his belief, and that his oppressors may be brought to the Light.

Our total disbursements in this department amounted to $4886.41; the contributions from societies and friends, $2479.00.

In designating offerings there are many societies that overlook the Indian Department altogether. The work is a most necessary one and I ask for a share of your contributions toward its support. A bequest of $250.00 was received from the estate of Mr. Robert Knox, of Wilkinsburg, a man who was always interested in the Indians and in the work for their uplift.

Many societies, Sabbath School classes and individuals remembered the three fields at Christmas and we take this opportunity to thank each person who contributed in any way to the happiness of the "native American."

The following reports of the missionaries speak for themselves:

Tama, Iowa.

The following is our report from November 13th to May 1st.

Our return to the work at Tama was pleasant and gratifying. We were received very kindly both by the Indians and our Tama friends. It was like coming home.

We note, first, that there had been a steady change for the better on the reservation during the four years we were gone. The two Government schools are being taught by Christians who are anxious that the Indians become converted, and the Mission prosper.

The children are committing some of the Psalms and repeat the Lord's Prayer every morning. We have made 417 calls. Have baptized fourteen and added to the church roll; received one by letter from Haskell school, making fifteen additions to the church. One infant baptism; making fifteen baptisms in all. Have established two family altars.

There are five homes in which we are invited to read the Bible and have prayers every time we call. One Christian burial in the Tama cemetery the

mother wanted every thing to be "like white man."

We have organized a Y. M. C. A. on the Reservation with 23 members, also a Y. M. C. A. at the Sanatorium with 22 members. Two Junior Societies with a membership of 20 and 23 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. SMITH.

Warm Spring, Ore., April 4, 1916.

To the Women's Board:—

The year closing March 31st has been one of many changes of conditions in this field among an interesting people. The new superintendent, Mr. A. M. Reynolds, has greatly encouraged us by his sympathy and practical aid. It is a rare occurrence for him and his wife to be absent from the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, the Bible school and the two preaching services on the Sabbath. We will ever hold in grateful remembrance his kind words and valued assistance in many ways. His example among the Indians has called forth from them many expressions respecting the change to a Christian Superintendent.

A few of the subordinate employees have also rendered aid in the spiritual uplift of our young people. Since October there has been quite an increase in attendance at all our services on account of a larger number at the boarding school; in consequence we have a better opportunity to reach the children. The longer we are here the deeper is the conviction that the most hopeful feature of the work is among the youth. We mingle with them quite often at the dormitory and in our home with great profit. Since the last report nine of the young people have been baptized and received on profession of faith; a number of others are being instructed and will probably unite with us soon.

One adult made a re-profession and since has passed away; four others have been called by death. A few of our flock have espoused the false teachings all around us, but we are making a strenuous effort to win them back.

A few weeks ago your missionary received from the office of Indian Affairs at Washington, D. C., a very valuable document prepared by the Hon. Cato Sells in the interest of the infants throughout all the reservations; this same circular was sent to all the Government employees among the Indians.

It is a strong plea for a greater effort to "Save the Babies." In his investigations he has discovered that approximately three out of five babies born to Indian mothers die before they reach the fifth year. He emphatically declares that "We must guarantee to the Indians the first of inalienable rights—the right to live. No race was created for utter extinction." Therefore, his urgent call to all his subordinates to do all in their power to assist Indian mothers, "So that all babies may be born under right conditions and intelligently cared for in infancy and early childhood."

In our observations and the information gained at Warm Springs during the past year we see the absolute necessity of the above plea. In a number of homes here there are only one or two children left out of families of eight and ten little ones. No wonder that the Hon. Commissioner expresses the hope and belief that all the employees shall have the quickened cooperation of all denominational agencies, religious missionaries and mission schools having special interest in the Indian's spiritual welfare. Religious papers and other Journals throughout the land are commending in the highest terms the man who has such noble aims and lofty purposes.

To the Board and others who have aided in the repairs on the mission property, adding greatly to the appearance as well as our comfort, we are thankful. The visit of our Secretary and two other members of the Board to the mission last May cheered us and will long be remembered.

Your missionaries spend many hours each week replying to the numerous letters of inquiry concerning our work. The result of this correspondence is manifested in the increased interest and in donations to the Indians. Many have written of the good accomplished from the personal touch. It is always a pleasure to open the barrels and boxes donated by friends and the tokens of kind remembrance for the missionary's wife and daughter found hidden among the other articles are thankfully acknowledged.

We still earnestly crave the prayers of all the members of the missionary societies and others for the field and workers at Warm Spring.

Below is a list of many donations during the year. The Lord reward you all.

1. $7.00 for Christmas treat and a barrel of clothing from the W. M. S. of Park U. P. Church, Albany, N. Y.

2. $4.00 for dishes, etc., from Y. W. M. S., New Gallilee Congregation, Enon Valley, Pa.

3. Barrels of clothing, bedding and fruit from the following Women's Missionary Societies: Pacific Grove, Cal., "Church of the Strangers," Portland, Oregon; 1st Church, Spokane, Wash.

4. Barrels of clothing, etc., from W. M. S., Mansfield, Ohio; North Yakima, Wash.

5. Two boxes of clothing, toys, etc., from W. M. S., Albany, Ore.

6. 25 pounds of candy from Sabbath School, Albany, Ore.

7. 21 copies of "Daughters of India" from two Sabbath School classes, Albany, Ore.

8. Clothing and quilt pieces, W. M. S., 1st Church, Los Angeles, Cal.

9. Thirty Needle Books, Philathea Sabbath School Class, 1st Church, Los Angeles, Cal.

10. Thirty Needle Books, Doris Hulick, Ainsworth, Iowa.

11. Thirty dainty handkerchiefs, W. M. S., Homestead, Coal Valley, Ill.

12. 100 Crescent Programs, W. M. S., 9th Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

13. 75 Bibles and Bible text-cards, Bethany Home, Pittsburgh, Pa.

14. Large number of Post Cards, Sabbath School Class, 1st Church Allegheny.

15. 150 Fancy Christmas Stockings for candy, Williamette W. M. S., Albany, Oregon.

16. Box of toys, Juniors, Eastbrook, Pa., also Eau Claire, W. M. S., Pa.

17. Supply of Mazda Electric Lamps, Jennie E. Jackson, Warm Spring, Ore.

18. Quilt Pieces from the following: Y. W. M. S., Nampa, Idaho; Garner, Ia.; Plain Grove, Pa.; Altoona, Pa.; Homestead, Ill.; Mrs. Ainsworth's Sabbath School Class, 1st Des Moines, Iowa. Also many in the barrels and boxes.

19. Bell for Sic-Se-Qua Chapel and $50.00 for sick and poor from Women's Board.

Yours in the Master's service,

H. T. JACKSON.

P. S.—If any donation has not been mentioned we beg pardon; and if our attention should be called to it, we will gladly acknowledge it in the Magazine.

Simnasho, Ore., April 5, 1916.

To the Women's Board:—

We have rounded out another year, our first full year of service among the Indians.

We have learned many lessons during the year. We have learned the text, "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit;" learned it almost to the full too. Sometimes we have been impatient with the Indians because they do not accept Christ in greater numbers; and sometimes we fear we have been impatient with the Lord because we do not get the results we would like to get, and we have been a bit discouraged. But this has been when we have forgotten that He does not hold us responsible for results, simply for the faithfulness with which we do the work. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that or whether they both shall be alike good." And so we keep pegging away trying to be of help to the Indians in every possible way. We visit them in their homes a great deal, trying always to be in touch with every case of sickness, or sorrow or want, and we never miss an opportunity for reading a portion of God's Word and offering a prayer. "My Word shall not return to Me void" is His promise, and we try to scatter the Word broadcast.

We have had Sabbath School at 2 p. m. and preaching service at 3 p. m. every Sabbath during the year except three. On these three Sabbaths no one came, and this was not to be wondered at. On one occasion we had a very heavy rain and on the other two occasions the roads were impassable because of the drifted snow. For the most part the Indians are very faithful about coming to services. They come distances of from two to ten miles. During the winter when many did not have horses at hand they came on foot, some walking in a distance of four miles. On one occasion a man walked about eight miles through quite a depth of snow, making a round trip of about sixteen miles.

The average attendance at Sabbath School for the year has been 31, with a total enrollment of 65. The work of the Sabbath School is supplemented by a service every Friday afternoon with the children in the day school.

There has been a good deal of want among our people during the winter. The crops last summer were almost a complete failure and many of the Indians began the winter with little provision on hand and with little to secure provisions with. This coupled with the unusually severe winter caused a good deal of distress. It seemed very providential that our church at large remembered us so generously. Contributions were made as follows:

1. Two comforts and at a later date a barrel of clothing and bedding from Mrs. J. F. Hanna, Riverside, Cal.

2. 12 little flannel dresses from "The Gleaners" Junior Missionary Society, Pasadena, Cal.

3. 1 barrel of clothing and a number of fine dolls from W. M. S., Sebring, Ohio.

4. A comfort from Mrs. E. L. Blake, Olympia, Wash.

5. Box of toys for Christmas, Sabbath School of First Church, Portland, Oregon.

6. Box of toys for Christmas, Sabbath School, Second Church, Portland, Oregon.

7. Box of toys for Christmas, Kenton Sabbath School, Portland, Oregon.

8. 10 pounds of candy for Christmas, Rev. J. A. Spear, Portland, Ore.

9. 13 pounds of candy for Christmas, Sabbath School, Albany, Ore.

10. Box of toys for Christmas, W. M. S., Albany, Ore.

11. Package of cards for Christmas, Mrs. Lena Plaskett, San Jose, Cal.

12. Package of card booklets for Christmas, Mrs. J. F. Hanna, Riverside, Cal.

13. Youths' Companion for one year, Mrs. J. E. Blair, Albany, Ore.

14. Patch work pieces, box of thread and thimbles from W. M. S., 8th U. P. Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

15. Box of clothing, Mrs. Curry, Albany, Ore.

16. Box of clothing and bedding, U. P. Church, Oakland, Cal.

17. Barrel of clothing, $1.00 in cash to pay cartage on same, W. M. S., Olympia, Wash.

18. Cash $5.00, Women's Bible Class, 1st U. P. Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Last year the donations were two barrels of clothing and two boxes of toys. This year as the above list shows we were most generously remembered. We have tried to thank each donor by letter, and again want to express our gratitude.

The Christmas exercises were attended by a great number. We had a Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus, gifts for our children and a treat for everybody. In addition many of the old and needy ones received articles of clothing. It was a joyous occasion to all.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MATTHEWS.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ADA K. WILSON,

Secretary.

REPORT OF

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

PURE RELIGION and undefiled before God and the Father is this to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Ministering to the needs of the distressed and afflicted is thus in sacred writ set before us as one of the characteristics of true Christianity.

We are very grateful that we have had during the year the privilege of "visiting" some disabled workers and sorrowing ones, and other needy people and of carrying to them a measure of comfort and cheer.

Our receipts for this department last year amounted to $1865, and we disbursed $1202.69, closing the account with a balance of $1088.24, the bulk of which was received during the last fifteen days of the year.

REPORT OF

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

INDIA.

SINCE OUR previous report Cupid has taken two names off our list, changed them and added them to the list of missionaries of our Foreign Board: Miss Anna Hamilton being united in marriage with Rev. E. E. Campbell and Miss Elizabeth Lawrence with Rev. R. E. Ayers. Our heartiest good wishes are sent to these young people in their new homes.

Death has not entered our immediate ranks but we, too, are afflicted and mourn over the loss to the Mission of two of its most devoted workers, Rev. Robert Stewart, D. D., and Mrs. J. A. McArthur. Dr. Stewart's name is a household word wherever our India Mission is known. By his pen and his work he was a mighty instrument in the hand of his Master. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his bereaved widow and children and to all those for whom and with whom he labored so long and so faithfully.

We learned to know and love Mrs. McArthur when she was a home missionary as Miss Sue Cooper White. As her experience broadened her love for souls grew so that she offered herself as a missionary to India and was sent to that field in 1905 where she married Rev. J. A. McArthur in 1909. After a very brief illness she was suddenly called home in 1916 leaving her stricken husband and two little ones to the care of the One Who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." While the little family will miss her most, the work in India will feel her loss sorely. We pray that the Comforter may take His abode in every sorrowing heart.

For personal reasons one of our missionaries-elect resigned before the date of sailing and decided to work for the Kingdom in this country.

At the beginning of the year we were responsible for the support of fifty-one missionaries; three changes reduced the number to forty-eight; two new names added make our present number fifty.

Our Sangla Hill Girls' Boarding and Day School is entirely completed. The following is the final report of the building committee: All bills paid and buildings occupied cost $15,100.

One hundred and seventy-five girls now receive Christian training and education who would be growing up in heathen ignorance had not the women of the church invested some of the Lord's money in the work of Sangla Hill. Our present opportunities in India are as follows:

Three Hospitals—Sialkot, Jhelum and Pasrur.

Five Dispensaries—Sialkot, Jhelum, Pasrur, Khala, and Pathankot.

Two boarding schools for girls—Sialkot and Sangla Hill.

Two day schools for girls—Sialkot and Lyallpur.

Home for dispensary workers—Bhera.

Home for doctors—Jhelum Hospital.

Elizabeth Gordon Home—Sialkot Hospital.

Three homes for lady missionaries—Sialkot, Lyallpur and Sangla Hill.

The Women's Board decided to co-

operate with the India Equipment Committee in its efforts to raise one hundred thousand dollars. As said Board is now contributing about one-third of the amount annually expended by the India Mission it was decided that about one-third of the sum expended could legitimately be given by the women of the Church with the understanding that all such gifts are to be over and above the usual missionary contributions; otherwise our general work would be crippled. By an understanding with the Foreign Board, India Equipment Committee and the Women's Board, all undesignated money sent to this fund is to be divided by giving the Foreign Board two-thirds and the Women's Board one-third of the amount. All designated money is to go to the Board which bears the responsibility of the institution or purpose designated.

The amount of cash sent to the Women's Board up to date is about $12,027.31. Not one penny of this money came from treasuries of Missionary Societies, but was raised especially for purpose named.

In addition to the foregoing a friend of Miss Emma D. Anderson pledged a certain sum of money for a Christian Home for women where widows and other women needing protection can find refuge and loving care and opportunity to earn a respectable living. Four thousand dollars for this purpose have been paid to one treasurer. We await the balance and full instructions from India before beginning work.

EGYPT.

Miss Eula McClenahan who had labored so faithfully and successfully in Alexandria resigned after having completed her first term as she had planned to remain in America after her marriage which took place during the summer of 1915. We pray for a rich blessing upon this new Christian home.

We have the privilege of supporting thirty-eight unmarried women in the land of Egypt and also the entire maintenance of the following named institutions:

One hospital—Tanta.

Two dispensaries—Tanta and Benha.

Three Girls' Boarding Schools—Alexandria, Luxor and Tanta.

Six Girls' Day Schools—Karmons, Kafi el Ashri, Beni Suef, Fayoum, Monsoura and Zagazig.

Mary Herron Rest Home for Missions at Ramleh.

The entire estimate for the enlargement of Tanta Hospital has been paid, but recent information calls attention to the fact that owing to increased cost of materials and labor an additional grant will be required.

We await instructions from the Mission before commencing the erection of the Girls' School Building in Tanta. War conditions have almost made new buildings impossible.

Our tired workers will not be able to enjoy the Mary Herron Rest Home by the sea this summer. The entire beach is used as an encampment for soldiers and all our Mat houses are being used for their benefit as reading rooms, tea rooms, etc. Our dear girls are cheerfully and willingly making this sacrifice for those who are giving their lives in the service of an earthly king.

Misses Bell and Whiteside are still detained in this country by the serious illness of near relatives.

Misses Dickey and Williams on account of a break-down in their own health. We rejoice to add that both are improving. Mrs. A. W. Pollock, wife of Doctor A. W. Pollock, died May 27, 1915. Mrs. Pollock was not a paid missionary,

yet her services were exceeded by none. She was a woman of many gifts, all of which were devoted to her Master Whom she loved and served so well. The Mission as well as the husband is sorely bereft in her death. The whole church has been called to mourn the death of Rev. Thomas J. Finney, D. D., a rare Christian and a devoted worker and friend of Egypt. His widow and children have the tender sympathy of all who knew him and his wonderful work for the Master.

Hoping to add to the information and deepen the interest of the women of the Church in the work of their foreign representatives, two booklets were issued last year, one containing narratives of work in India entitled, "A Garland of Marigolds" and the other reports of work in Egypt and the Sudan, entitled "Our Sisters in Egypt." Both were prepared by committees in India and Egypt and were profusely illustrated. Because of the immense amount of work which had to be done by our missionaries to get the pictures and copy ready and because of the expense of printing and the amount of time and effort required to sell the booklets, the Board has decided to omit booklets this year and to print full reports of our foreign work in our very valuable Magazine. To get this and other valuable information, every family in our Church should subscribe for the only missionary periodical in the Church. Invest a dollar and receive missionary intelligence available no where else.

SUDAN.

For several years we have supported a day school for girls in Wady Halfa in the Egyptian Sudan. It is an important place for mission work because it is the point where travellers leave the trains in which they have crossed the desert from Khartum and take the boat for the Nile trip to Egypt.

The government manifested its approval of the work done by offering two pieces of land to the Mission, one for church purposes and the other for school purposes on condition that buildings be completed thereupon by August, 1916.

The Board authorized Dr. J. K. Giffen to act as trustee and secure a deed for the land, but where could we look for the money necessary to erect the building? In speedy answer to our special prayers came a letter from Mr. William Little, of Marissa, Illinois, agreeing to give twelve hundred dollars for a Girls' School at Wady Halfa in response to an appeal in our Magazine. Our gratitude o'erflows not only to Mr. Little but also to the Father Who prompted His faithful servant to honor Him by establishing a lasting memorial in that dark land having for its object the teaching of the story of Jesus and thereby uplifting the womanhood of the Sudan. We pray that the life of the generous donor may be spared for many years to watch the growth .of the William Little School for Girls. The Girls' School at Khartum North has passed through the most trying year of its history. All the Syrian teachers left on one day and three of our missionaries were sent home for ill health. Miss Grove being the only one who had completed her term of service was entitled to her furlough especially as she, too, had broken down. All this compelled the Mission to close the school as there were neither missionaries nor teachers available.

We pray that the Master will send workers enough to open the school in September. It is the only one of its kind in the whole Sudan. Its temporary closing will injure our entire work in that field.

The most tragic story connected with the sailing of missionary parties occurred in September, 1915. Fourteen men, women and children belonging to our Church set sail for Egypt full of joy and hope. A few days after leaving New York the vessel caught fire. The calls from the wireless brought aid and on the second day all the passengers were safely transferred to the good ship, leaving all their earthly possessions on the doomed "Athinai."

In less than a week after leaving New York our friends were back in port again. Thankful for their spared lives and *every one* of the party ready and anxious to sail on the first ship procurable. It was a scene to bring gladness into the hearts of angels and men as that little company with representatives from Foreign and Women's Boards gathered in the parlor of the hotel for a meeting of prayer and praise. The first song was "O God our help in ages past."

All of the party had some insurance, but none had more than half the value of goods lost and it was very probable that insurance would not be paid owing to war conditions. Both treasurers advanced money for necessary clothing that very day and appeals were made in the Church papers and our Magazine for funds to replace "Lost Baggage" in the name of Him Who said, "I was naked and ye clothed Me."

We desire to express our gratitude to all who responded to this cry for help. The total amount received by our treasurer was $1869.35. List of names has been pubilshed in Magazine.

It was decided to pool the money received by both Boards and distribute pro rata to all who had suffered loss. Later the insurance company paid the claims so that as complete an adjustment as money can make has been reached. But what money could replace libraries and sermons collected for years or wedding presents, etc? Our Father watched over His own so that all reached their fields in safety as the ship-wrecked party sailed with the party for India on September 30, nothing daunted by their terrible experience, but willing to give their lives if need be for His name's sake.

Missionaries expecting to return to respective fields in September:

Miss Roe Williams, Egypt.
Miss Hazel Bennett, India.
Miss Laurella Dickson, India.
Miss Kate Hill, India.
Miss E. Josephine Martin, India.
Miss Josephine White, India.

We rejoice to report that in spite of war conditions and dangers by land and sea the call of the Master for laborers has been heard and answered by the following named persons who have been elected to the several fields and will sail in September if the Lord will:

Mrs. Nannie Finney, widow of Rev. T. J. Finney, D. D., Egypt.
Miss Jeanette Lois McCrory, Egypt.
Miss Florence A. Hutchinson, Egypt.
Miss Louise Edna Scott, daughter of Rev. T. L. Scott, D. D., India.
Miss N. Elizabeth Sidwell, India.
Miss Edna Myrtle McKeown, Sudan.

These are commended to the prayers of our Church for their support and guidance.

After conference the Foreign Board and the Women's Board decided that missionaries shall leave their fields for furlough in the months of March and April. Boards shall arrange for sailing of all missionary parties in September when possible. The foregoing made it necessary to change the length of the first term for the unmarried women missionaries in Egypt and India from seven

years to six and one-half years and the length of all succeeding terms from eight years to seven and one-half years. Length of term in the Sudan to be four and one-half years at present. Friends sending boxes or packages to the fields in the care of outgoing missionaries are requested to insure the same and to be responsible for all charges for transportation.

By the blessing of our God upon us our Foreign Department has grown to such proportions that its annual receipts are far behind its expenditures. Every year transfers have to be made to make it to close without a deficit. Will the women of the Church seriously consider this matter and determine to make their contributions to this important work abroad equal to its needs? If less money were given to outside objects by our societies more could go to our far-away sisters without increasing the demands upon individuals, but the very best and most scriptural way would be to give the Lord the tithe—His tithe—"Prove Me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

We never could undertake the support of ninety-two missionaries if individuals and societies did not pledge salaries over and above all other obligations. Words fail to express our gratitude for and appreciation of all such gifts.

For good reasons doubtless many fail to send to the Treasurer the sum pledged annually, but the salary must be sent to the missionary. Of course, such failures cause a deficit. This year it amounted to $3249.77. The Convention at Spokane instructed the Foreign Secretary to print an honor roll containing the names of all who had paid their salary pledges, in such fashion that there were no deficits in their accounts when our Treasurer closed her books, April 15th. We rejoice that the list makes such a good showing, but hope next year to report the name of every "pledge" on the honor roll.

Names	No. of Salaries Pledged.
Southern Illinois Presbyterial	1
College Springs Presbyterial	2
Monmouth Presbyterial	1
Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D.	3
Miss Anna Milligan	1
Mr. & Mrs. Taylor and Miss Jane Denham	1
Monongahela Presbyterial	12½
Margaret A. Bell	1
North Bend Congregation	1
Butler Presbyterial	1
Boston Presbyterial	1
Allegheny Presbyterial	3
First Ohio Presbyterial	1
Colorado Presbyterial	1
Indiana Presbyterial	1
Xenia Presbyterial	2
Chicago Presbyterial	1
Mercer Presbyterial	2
Los Angeles Presbyterial	1
Westmoreland Presbyterial	1
Wheeling Presbyterial	1
Beaver Valley Presbyterial	1
Cleveland Presbyterial	1
Keokuk Presbyterial	1
McFarland Family & Miss Mary Campbell	1
Muskingum Presbyterial	2
Philadelphia Presbyterial	1
Chartiers Presbyterial	2
Argyle Presbyterial	1
San Francisco Presbyterial	1
Arkansas Valley Presbyterial	½
Traer Congregation	1
Cedar Rapids Presbyterial	1
Y. W. M. Societies	6

Pledges Paid for Part Salaries.

Philathea Bible Class, Parnasus and Mrs. T. D. Mellon.
Conemaugh Presbyterial.
Detroit Presbyterial.
Miss Nina J. Murray.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

FOREIGN SALARIES.

Receipts.

From Presbyterials, Individauls, etc.	$35999.36
From Interest	14.98
From Refunds	190.00
From Thank-Offering	5.00
From Young Women's Special	2243.25
From Transfers	3249.77
Total	$41702.36

FOREIGN GENERAL.

Year Ending April 15, 1916.

Receipts.

Balance, April 15, 1915	$ 2877.64
From Presbyterials	11635.25
From Interest—Endowments	2273.24
From Refunds	547.50
From Sale of Foreign Reports	325.17
From Individuals	6344.85
From Women's Magazine	500.00
From S.S. Classes, Study Classes, etc.	160.40
From Regular Sources	$24664.05
From Thank-Offering	35369.42
Life Memberships and balance "Lost Baggage"	3802.85
Transfers	9192.93
Grand Total	$73029.25

Estimates Granted for Year Beginning July 1st, 1916.

India	$45,312.00
Egypt	34,906.00
Sudan	7,155.00

Praise the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. CAMPBELL.

Editor's Note:—In order to give the "Story of the Year" from our foreign missionaries the largest possible circulation, the Women's Board have arranged to meet the extra expense made necessary by the additional pages—over 100—in this publication.

We heartily concur in the arrangement that will place in the larger number of homes, in the United Presbyterian Church, the following excellent account of a year's work in our foreign fields. May the thoughtful reading of these pages, indeed this entire number, be of interest to every one.

Our missionaries in India provided some interesting pictures to accompany their reports. Conditions prohibit the use of them in this issue. They will appear, and be of value, in future numbers of the Magazine.

—Mrs. George Moore, Editor.

Committees in Egypt and India have prepared and forwarded the following reports of work accomplished by those supported by the W. G. M. S. We regret exceedingly that no report of work in the Sudan has been received. We presume that the illness of our three missionaries is the reason for its omission. We hope to have a full report next year.

—Mrs. H. C. Campbell.
Foreign Secretary.

THE YEAR IN INDIA.

Women's Work in Our India Mission.

"ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK."

THIS SHOULD be a report of the missionaries and institutions supported by the Women's Board as given on a preceding page, *i. e.*, 51 missionaries, 3 hospitals, 6 dispensaries, 2 Girls' Boarding Schools, 3 homes for lady missionaries.

Yet a true account of our women's work must include some mention of institutions which, though not supported by the Women's Board, are under charge of their missionaries, and of the service rendered by the married ladies. Out in the district they go, into the village homes, or do, perhaps a greater work at the tent. In the stations, each has her share, prefering that her free-will service should not be recognized by recording the mission's request that she take charge of the work which she is actually doing.

The story of the year is, "Praise Him for His great loving kindness." Those in the most difficult field refuse to be down-hearted, saying, "Were it not that the promises of the all powerful and unchanging God are back of our work, it would seem discouraging. But here, as everywhere in the world, there is an inner consciousness of sin and need and a mute groping for something or some One to bring deliverance."

Dear ones have gone out from our presence into His, "Who comforteth us, that we may be able to comfort by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted." From hospitals and dispensaries we hear, "Thou hast healed." From Boarding Schools for Christian girls, "Upon the hand maidens have been poured out Thy Spirit," while the non-Christian girls say, "Thou hast taught me from my youth." In the zenanas, the word is, "Light is rising in darkness." From the district we hear, "The friendship of God has been on my tent," and, "He gathereth together the outcasts." "The Lord Jehovah saith, Yet will I gather others to Him besides His own that are gathered."

MEDICAL MISSIONS.

"Thou Hast Healed."

As one reviews the year the record of splendid work done in our hospitals tells the story of medical missions. In this, as in every other line, we are feeling the financial stringency. We realize keenly the sacredness of the trust of the stewardship of money given for missions, but there is the other side, too, the responsibility of each individual Christian to have a share in maintaining the Lord's work. The Gospel is the only sure remedy for the world's needs so it is imperative that the most practical aspects of the Gospel message should be presented to the people of India, hence the need of our medical work. Medical mission work in India is being affected by the war, many British doctors are being called to the front and so American missionary doctors have a heavier burden resting on them in consequence.

The Good Samaritan Hospital in Jhelum becomes every year a greater factor in that Mohammedan stronghold. Doctor Balfour, the lady physician, who assists the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals by examining the women's

hospitals, said in her report, "The large number of patients in both the in-department and the out-department, show the popularity of this hospital among the women of the vicinity." A Hindu lady from Mir Pur was so pleased with her treatment in the hospital that she arranged for the doctor to visit her home in the district. Her brother sent horses to the river, ten miles away, to meet the party. Instead of being simply received by the women, as they expected, the Sardar of the village and other officials met them with much ceremony and served refreshments this was a mark of respect and honor. They were then taken to see the Sardar's wife who was ill, she was persuaded to come to the hospital in Jhelum for treatment and stayed with them a month. Twelve Gospel portions were sold in this village and several houses visited; it was probably the first time a missionary had ever gone to them. Dr. Simpson has spent all the time possible in the district this winter and her dispensary tent is filled from morning to night with the village women. In addition to the regular hospital work a training class for nurses is carried on.

Dispensary work is also carried on in Kala, a few miles out from Jhelum city; some one from the hospital goes out on Saturday and Wednesday of each week for the clinic. The average is forty patients a day. The Bible is always taught before the medicines are given.

Since the departure of Dr. Heston last March the Sargodha hospital has been in charge of Dr. Simpson of Jhelum. Being 120 miles away from Jhelum this is not a very satisfactory arrangement. A woman physician in this hospital could find a good field for work, there are many Christians in the district and many well-to-do non-Christian women in the city. There is always a large attendance at the hospital on the days they know Dr. Simpson will be there. Some improvements are being made, nine new iron beds with good mattresses have been added to the furniture. A woman cook has been secured to cook for the Christian and Mohammedan in-patients who have heretofore had to make their own arrangements. Also a wall is being erected around the hospital to make it more agreeable to purdah women and to protect the girl nurses. The outlook is bright for the coming year if a doctor is in charge.

Bhera dispensary is under the same management as the Sargodha hospital. The little city has a non-Christian population of 20,000 and the mission dispensary is the only evangelistic agency. The living arrangements for the workers are neither pleasant nor healthful, but in spite of this these faithful ones have carried on fruitful service for many years. Miss Morgan, the oldest worker in the Bhera dispensary, after many years of devoted service, entered into rest last August. Her cousin and helper, Miss Aldridge, and a sub-assistant surgeon and compounder make up the staff.

Mr. Leigh, a Civil Officer of the district, wrote to Miss Aldridge after Miss Morgan's death as follows: "I have special reasons for knowing what the district has lost in the death of so tried a servant to the public. Perhaps you do not know that the number of patients treated by your hospital last year was ninety-seven per cent. of the combined female population of Bhera and Miani (Miani is a city nine miles distant on the railway. I am working at the District Gazetteer and so have been able to study the figures. I am hoping that perhaps the Municipality will see fit to put some

sort of a memorial to Miss Morgan, who with yourself, must have benefitted an extraordinarily large number of her neighbors."

We are glad of the opportunity to let the friends in the home churches know of this faithful and earnest servant of Christ, who gave her life in the cause of the suffering women and children of Bhera and vicinity for the sake of Jesus Christ her Lord.

From the Memorial Hospital at Sialkot, Dr. White sends the following cheering message: "The year on the whole has brought more sunshine than shadow. Following the visit of the Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, three other official visits were paid the hospital during the year, Dr. Balfour, the lady assistant to the Inspector General of Hospitals, the Civil Surgeon and Dr. Lankaster of the Tubercular Commission. All spoke in the highest terms of the work and rupees seventy per month from the Punjab Government was granted, to begin next April. Four nurses have passed their examinations and received certificates; two from the Interdenominational Association and two received the hospital certificate. The number of in-door patients this year is seven hundred and twenty-five. Less surgery has been performed due to a disease in the left hand of the Superintendent, causing the grip on the forceps to be very difficult; but in spite of hindrances there have been seven hundred and ninety-nine operations. The dispensary attendance has been very good. 11323 new cases with an aggregate of 31348 cases treated.

"Keen interest has been manifested in the Bible teaching, and less disposition shown to raise questions on the war. The Sabbath School has numbered an average of ninety-six, of which two-thirds are Hindus and Mohammedans. Their enthusiasm in the study of the lessons has been wonderful. A Maulvie's (Mohammedan teacher) wife can repeat every lesson in the quarter, including the birth of Christ. One fruit of this Bible teaching is found in the story of little Hassaina. She came into the Sialkot hospital just before Christmas two years ago and for the first time heard the story of the Child Who was born in a stable and cradled in a manger. Knowing so well the filth and dirt of an Indian stable, she was filled with horror that the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of heaven, the equal of the Great King could be born in such a place. She eagerly drank in the teaching as to how He brought salvation to us. Her father and mother are dead and she had been left in the care of her married sisters who loved her dearly. When she went home from the hospital and told her wonderful news, there was not the usual opposition, for her sisters had had hard lives and desired something better for this little sister. After some difficulties had been overcome, she was allowed to go to a Christian Boarding School, and two months ago, to her great joy she was given baptism. She received the name of Elizabeth H. Campbell, in honor of our Foreign Secretary. Her sisters, though still unbaptized, show a real interest in the Gospel and seize every opportunity to learn. Who knows how far this little child may lead them?

"The C. E. and Women's Missionary Societies have kept up their meetings with considerable interest. From their regular contributions they have sent donations to the Sialkot Convention Fund, Home Missions and the Women's Presbyterial. The Thank-Offering of the Women's Missionary Society this year amounted to rupees thirty-seven and

eight annas, and was placed as usual in the Mary Barr Fund."

The record of the White Memorial Dispensary at Pasrur shows that during the year fifty in-door patients were received. A total of 16215 cases were treated of which 7125 were new. The operations numbered one hundred and twenty-five, eight of which were major and were performed by Dr. White personally.

The Elliott Dispensary in Pathankot is filling a real need; throughout the past year there have been many evidences of the non-Christians seeking after a greater knowledge of God. There is a marked difference in their attitude, the interested way in which they listen to the story of the Cross. One thing that encourages us greatly in our work among the Hindus and Mohammedans, is the unhesitating way in which so many of them answer that Jesus is the Son of God. Last year the women were so noisy and restless when detained for the Bible lesson, often telling us that it was only the medicine they wanted, not realizing that their souls also needed treatment. The Bible woman, in her quiet, gentle way, has obtained a real influence over them and is able to control the crowds much better than formerly. Recently a Mohammedan mother brought her boy, eleven months old, for treatment; the history was that he had been ill for six days, they had taken him to the Government Hospital, and the Indian doctor had pronounced his disease, typhoid, and had told them that his fever would remain high for fourteen days. As the child daily grew worse, the mother finally brought him to our Dispensary on the seventh day of his illness. He had every symptom of pneumonia and when he was examined both lungs were found affected. He was visited in his home several times as he was too ill to be brought to the Dispensary; at first there seemed hope of recovery, but the fever had been so high before the crisis came that he had not the strength to rally. The parents knew he was in a critical condition, but did not give up hope until the day before his death. Outside of a Christian home I never saw anything like their spirit of submission in parting with their beloved child. They are a bright, intelligent couple, and have been taught the truth as revealed in God's Word for several years. We long for the time to come when their faith will overcome their dread of relatives and they will confess Christ before the world. To this end we work and pray that many, such as these, may be found among His jewels. The new patients for the year were 4,200 and the total attendance 16,227.

One day the Pasrur missionaries sat in a village talking to the women when a feeble old Hindu widow came up. Her only son had gone off to the war and a buffalo had stepped on the foot of his little fifteen-year-old wife injuring it severely, she wanted the missionaries to come and see her. They found the sore foot wrapped up in filthy cotton, the village barber had been called and had lanced it in five places, the result was blood poison. The missionaries told the old woman they were not doctors, and did not know what to do, but she begged them so hard to do something that they went twice a day during the three days they were in the village and washed and dressed it. As they worked the poor old mother kept saying, "Relief, relief, relief;" it seemed to be a sort of prayer she was breathing. It was very pitiful for she knew nothing of the Great Physician who could give them relief of both body and soul.

EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS.

(Christian Girls' Boarding Schools).

"God Gave Them Knowledge."

The aim to develop the spiritual as well as the mental is ever before those in charge of the schools. It is a matter of great joy to watch the change in the little girls who come in raw from the villages where they live such helter-skelter lives, as they develop into neat, orderly, thoughtful little women, growing in grace and the real understanding and appreciation of God's Word. And it is one of the most hopeful and promising things for the Indian Church that such a change is wrought in the lives of so many of her young women through the influence of the Boarding Schools. We rejoice to record that the Holy Spirit has been working very markedly in several of these schools. Not always with excitement or demonstration as a result of special meetings, but a quiet steady work, transforming the lives of the girls, and instituting very real reforms among them. Other results have been a greater love for God's Word, a keener sense of Christ's presence and a greater appreciation of the value of prayer.

Avalon High School.

The importance of the Bible lesson has always been emphasized in these schools, and the thoroughness of the teaching has been shown in the splendid results of the examinations. In the Avalon High School at Pathankot there were no failures in this examination. Miss Campbell further reports that eleven girls appeared in the Lake Memorial Bible Examination and all passed, one winning the first prize, which was a sum of twelve rupees and a beautiful Bible in Urdu. The new Prayer room has indeed proved to be the "power house" in the school. It was there that some of the girls met for prayer until the Holy Spirit was poured out mightily and a revival swept through the school. This spread to the congregation and on out into the town until many non-Christians were touched and led to exclaim, "This is indeed the work of God."

They are rejoicing over the completion of the teachers quarters and new dormitories which cost eleven thousand dollars and was opened during this last year without a cent of debt. Indeed it is known far and wide, as the School of Answered Prayer. The dormitories were no sooner ready for occupancy than they were filled. The Chief Government Inspectress is very much pleased with the building and of the staff she says, "The school is fortunate in having teachers who specialize in certain subjects. They are keen in their work and take an interest in the girls under their charge. The arrangements of the school are excellent and discipline good." Special mention is made of Miss Louise Scott and Miss Bessie Campbell. The health of the girls is well looked after also. Drill is given daily and three badminton courts and a basket ball court offer ample scope for out-of-door exercise. One of the interesting new features in this school is the introduction of an up-to-date Kindergarten, which is presided over by Miss Maya Dass fresh from Columbia University.

During the year a Club was formed which is patterned after the "Girl Guides." Already we see the helpful influence exerted by this Club in the neatness and orderliness of the girls.

Sialkot Boarding School.

For a report of secular work done in the Sialkot Boarding School, let us hear what the Government Inspectress says of it, after her recent visit to the school, "The results of the examinations are

very good. All the girls passed, who entered the Middle and Normal Examinations. One teacher, Nasiban Jessu, passed the Munshi Fazl Examination of the Punjab University. She is one of the first Indian girls to try the higher language examination, and it is a great benefit to a school to have thoroughly well qualified women teachers for the vernacular side. The lessons given by the Senior girls of the Training Class, were very careful and thorough in the Upper Classes and very bright in the Kindergarten Class." And after commenting in detail on the teaching of each subject, she concludes, "The work of the school on the whole is very satisfactory."

Miss Martin says, "On the spiritual side, too, we have cause to be very thankful. During the close of the year, the Spirit manifested His power among the girls in conviction of sin and many lives were changed. We have also realized Satan's activity as never before in the hard and defiant hearts of some, or in the various ways and means he has taken to deceive. After the Revival began there was a general desire that Mr. Patterson of the Church of Scotland Mission should hold a series of meetings which he did with great blessing and profit."

The Sabbath School and C. E. Societies have been kept up as usual. A few days visit last Spring from the Secretaries of the India Sabbath School Union was very helpful indeed. The older girls as well as the teachers were much interested in the improved method for preparation and teaching of the Sabbath School lesson.

The Junior and Intermediate C. E. Societies have shown a great interest in their meetings; but for a while a number of the Senior Society members were very careless and indifferent. Because of this a great burden came upon the hearts of two or three of the girls and they often met in earnest prayer about it. The result was the Conviction of Sin and Revival which swept through the whole school.

Sangla Hill Girls' Boarding School.

The Sangla Hill Girls' Boarding School is also rejoicing over the completion of their buildings, and what that means to the school only those in charge of the school know. The little school which opened so humbly three years ago with eighteen girls has now grown to one hundred and thirty. The few servants quarters first used to house the girls have changed for buildings which, Miss Jameson writes are a constant source of wonder to the people about. They marvel at the great kindness of God and the Christian people who have made it possible. Miss Jameson says, "The new recitation building has brought great relief to us in caring for the classes. The cottages are all ready for occupancy and the Hospital Cottage, which is the Mary Stevenson Memorial, has made the caring for the sick much easier. Would that every one who has helped give us these buildings, could see how beautifully they are adapted to the work. The Government Inspectress is delighted with them. Serious illness in the school this winter again proves the great need of a Dispensary, in Sangla, where a missionary with nurses training, together with looking after the needs of the poor neglected women and children, might direct the care of such cases in the school."

Seven girls having completed the work in Sangla have passed on for the remaining three years study in Sialkot. A number of girls who were kept at home last year, have returned to the school, and often at Prayers some one will give as a special cause for thanksgiving that

the Lord has sent so many new girls into the school. Another great cause for thanksgiving is in the changed lives of several very naughty girls. Two, who at the beginning of the year seemed to be falling into very serious faults were disciplined, and the whole C. E. Society was called upon to help these girls. Each girl of the Society acknowledged that she had not helped make the school what it ought to be, and definitely promised that in the future she would do all she could in this respect. The Thank-Offering of the school was three dollars and sixty-six cents, and aside from this the girls give to the Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor and Church offerings. This year it was decided to accept no Christmas gifts and ask that the money usually thus spent might be sent to the Relief Fund for sick and wounded soldiers. In addition each Cottage had its own earthen Thank-Offering jug. When these were opened Christmas night, it was found that they contained six rupees (two dollars), these made up from the small store of coppers given them for spending money.

As yet there is no Girls' Boarding School in Gurdaspur, though one is being planned for as a memorial to Miss Corbett. During last summer, a little school for ten boarders and two or three day pupils, was housed in the Zenana Quarters under the care of a housekeeper and a young teacher, while the lady missionaries found the greatest pleasure in personal work with the little ones after the day's work in the villages was over. The funds available permitted the school to be carried on only four months, but the difference in those little girls after four months' training, in order, tidiness, deportment, learning Bible lessons and the Psalms was a rich reward for the time and money expended.

The past year has been one of marked blessing in the Girls' Industrial Home at Pasrur, in charge of Miss Whitely. The work of the school has been good and the spiritual life of the girls has been deepened and developed. With the exception of a siege of measles, the children have kept very well, and to the great comfort of all there was no shortage in the water supply during the hot season. At the beginning of the year, high prices compelled us to send fifteen or twenty girls to other schools, but a substantial increase from Government has put the finances of the school in a more satisfactory condition than usual. There have been about one hundred and fifteen boarders during the year, and fifty-five widows and orphans remained during vacation. In the regular Government examinations the results have been splendid. The girls also did well in the Bible Examination, only six in the whole school failing. Eight girls joined the church during the year.

CITY GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

"Children Which Had Not Known."

A technical report of the Day Schools for girls in the stations, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Sialkot, Gujranwala, Khangah Dogran, Lyallpur, in the Christian village, Martinpur, and in some other towns, would give the number of pupils classified as to religions, Christians, Hindus, and Mohammedans; the number of teachers and who they are; the number of passes in the examinations; amount of fees raised and Government grant; and like figures.

This does not tell the deeper work done in the hearts of the girls through the faithful Bible teaching and loving oversight of the missionaries and their helpers. This influence may go also to their

mothers' hearts—as the baptism of a whole family in Rawalpindi shows.

Some years ago, a young Englishman riding about Rawalpindi, saw an Indian girl about nine years old, beautiful, though not of high caste. He so admired her that, after seeing her several times, he made the acquaintance of her parents. So poor they were, that when he saw no possible way to marry the girl, they agreed to make no trouble if he stole her away some night. The missionaries found her, a beautiful, though uneducated woman, kept like a Mohammedan in Purdah. The man claimed to be a Christian and that he would be pleased for her to become one, but he refused to use any influence to interest her in Christ, and she showed little desire to learn of the Savior. The four beautiful children were sent to mission schools where they came to know Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. Then the mother said, "Now I know Christ, for I see what an influence He has in the lives of my children." The girls were the elder, sixteen and twelve years old, and they determined to acknowledge their faith publicly. On the last Sabbath of 1915, the mother was baptized in the church, and witnessed to Christ's saving power. The next Sabbath, the two boys, fourteen and ten years old, with their sisters were baptized on their own confessions; while the parents stood with them and promised to pray with and for their children and to set before them a worthy example.

Miss F. C. Martin goes on to say, "The Word has taken hold of many, shown one day when a girl said, 'But, if there is no God, how can these things be?' and a Hindu girl spoke up and said, 'It is written in the Pslams, 'The fool saith there is no God.'' This ended the discussion.

"A good staff of Christian teachers with proper school desks, in the Upper Primary and Middle Departments, have made the work much more satisfactory." (Do you know that hardly any of our schools have so American an article as a proper desk?)

The enrollment for the year was 366. Government grant was increased from Rs. 560 to Rs. 960. Fees were raised from the nominal one anna (two cents) a month to those recommended by Government, *i. e.*, two annas in the Lower Primary, eight annas in the Upper Primary, and one rupee per month in the Middle.

In Rawalpindi, as in Lyallpur, and perhaps other places, Christian women teachers, trained in our mission schools, have responsible places—as Head Mistress, or School Inspectress, or teacher—an opportunity for bringing real Christian influence to bear on girls who would not be allowed to attend the mission school.

The number enrolled in Jhelum is slightly larger than last year, 96. Every thing is against the girls' regular attendance, but with an average attendance of only 41, yet the girls did fairly well in both the secular and Bible examinations. The Christian Head Mistress and two pupil teachers, one a Mohammedan and the other a Hindu, form the same staff as last year. Miss Gordon regrets that she could not keep a Christian teacher, who had just passed her Normal examination in the Sialkot Girls' Boarding School. She taught for a time, but for lack of zenana quarters, or safe place for her to live, she could be no longer employed.

One of the married women, mentioned in last year's report, has passed the fifth class examination this year. The three girls who passed the fifth class last year,

are continuing their studies in the sixth class. (It is an attainment for a non-Christian girl to reach even the fifth class). One of these, Rajwanti, is now married, and though she cannot be in school all the time, very frequently slips in for the devotional period. She loves the Bible stories, and delights to commit Bible verses, and to sing the Psalms they have learned. At the intermission period, the girls would rather get together and sing than play. They know a number of Psalms and nice school songs. One little tot, the baby of the school, not yet four years old, recites the Lord's Prayer without making a mistake. As yet the girls pay no fees, but all furnish their own books, an advance over former years.

Miss M. R. Martin reports that the total number of girls attending the Sialkot City Girls' Primary School is 107, with 80 on the roll at the close of the year. She says, "Many girls crowd into Government schools or those maintained by non-Christian sects rather than have Bible lessons, but, surely, the faithful teaching of those who do come will bear fruit in the girls' lives, and through them, in the lives of others. The results of the annual Bible examination show through faithful teaching." The young Christian teacher is surprising Miss Martin by developing into a better teacher than she had expected, and has pleased the Inspectress at both inspections since she began teaching. She is from the Normal Department of the Sialkot Girls' Boarding School. The Christian Head-mistress is a hard worker and faithfully meets the added responsibilities because Miss Martin's work for the two hundred girls in the Boarding School leaves her little time for the city school. The Sialkot Convention has brought much help to this Head-mistress and her spiritual life is being wonderfully developed. Her heart has had the burden especially laid upon it of witnessing before the girls and the Hindu and Mohammedan teachers more faithfully than she had done, and making more definite effort to win them to Christ. Both these teachers are new this year. The Mohammedan teacher, especially, is showing an earnest spirit of inquiry, while the talk at the recess period is often on spiritual themes.

The enrollment of the Gujranwala day schools is 242. Of these, 54 hold scholarships. The Government grant is Rs. 1478.

Miss Mukerjea remains the faithful Head-mistress of the Gujranwala City Girls' School. Of the interruptions and difficulties which have hindered its progress this year, the Manager Mr. Maxwell writes: "The School has suffered again this year from insufficient staff. The second Mistress was stricken with a prolonged illness before the middle of the year and is not yet able to do full work. The third Mistress, a Christian, was married. Some of the non-Christian teachers who had been previously trained as pupils of the School, were removed by their parents, as they thought it beneath the dignity of the family to have their daughters earning money. Other teachers have left to join other schools, either for the sake of their religion or for increased salary. The opening of a Mohammedan School has reduced the enrollment of Mohammedans. Though the secular work has suffered, the Bible teaching has been faithfully done and the results were good."

Martinpur.

Miss Hopkins writes, "We are hoping better things for our Martinpur School when they get into their own building which is now in course of construction.

If a middle department could be opened here, it would help solve the question of educating the girls in this district. In both, Sialkot and Sangla Hill Boarding Schools, we have more than our allotted proportion of girls, and, if other districts *should* come up with their full quota, some of ours would have to be removed—at least, no more could be sent. The Christians are awakening to the possibilities of female education and we no longer have to persuade them to send their girls, more often they have to be refused, or kept waiting till there is room. In the little village schools, often the presence of big Mohammedan and Hindu boys makes it very unwise for us to urge that our Christian girls read with them. But we believe the time is coming when the Primary work must be done in the village schools, leaving the upper grades for the boarding schools.

"In the Girls' School at Khangah Dogran thirty-three girls are reading, two Christians, one Mohammedan, and the others Hindu girls. During the year, eleven dolls were given out as prizes to those who had finished the primmer. The joy of the girls was pathetic. One dear, little thing was so happy that she had no breath even to say, 'Thank you.' She could only look in speechless wonder and grasped her doll as though it were a dream which might soon vanish. As the girls were eager to do something to help others, with money given by a friend, we bought cloth and they made clothes for the little orphans in the Sialkot Hospital. They also gave of their coppers to help these little unfortunates. In Khangah Dogran, the Hindus are much ahead of the Mohammedans in educating their girls. The latter have not yet been persuaded that their daughters need to study anything more than the Koran."

Among the great changes noted in Gurdaspur District is that many nice Mohammedan girls are reading in village schools. The Wilson sisters, in Pathankot District, very regretfully closed a promising school for Mohammedan girls in Sujanpur which last year reported 28 pupils, eleven above the infant classes. This year there were 40 pupils in attendance and they were doing nicely; but the ladies felt that they could be no longer responsible for it, for, this winter, they have been asked to do what work they can in two districts instead of one, and they could get no one to look after it.

There is an elementary school for girls in Lyallpur in which English and Urdu is taught. The enrollment has increased from 20 last January to 33 this January. The regular fees are charged and Rupees 12 per month is the grant-in-aid. If there were time and space to tell something about each girl in these schools, you would find them all interesting and lovable. May each one come to know Jesus as a personal Savior is a petition in which you can join. Will you?

Zafarwal.

Of the City Girls' School in Zafarwal which was closed two years ago, Miss Hadley sends us the following encouraging word: "Last summer an Indian Christian sister who is an excellent teacher, urged us to open up the work again. She had been visiting the women in the city for several months as a Bible woman, and took the opportunity in these homes of interesting the mothers in the education of their girls. In September the school was re-opened with fifteen pupils. There are now twenty-five and all are making good progress. There has been some opposition to it by the young widow teacher of the Hindu

School who has warned her girls against coming to us. 'The teacher there is a sweeper,' she said. She, herself, by the way, was a little widow who had never seen the inside of a book when she began to attend our school six years ago."

Let us unite our prayers for constant victory to Christ in all these schools, that through them many of India's young women may learn to know Him "Whom to know is Life Eternal."

ZENANA WORK.

Light Rising In Darkness.

Throughout another year, the lady missionaries and Bible women have gone with the Word of Life into the homes of the Hindu and Mohammedan women in our cities. Something of joy and comfort and light has come to hundreds of women who have never known the joy of fellowship with Christ but of only one here and there can it be said—she has found the Saviour, He is her hope and salvation. In Sialkot, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi and Lyallpur only are the ladies able to personally superintend the zenana work throughout the year. In the other stations, the missionaries spend the winter itinerating in district and divide their time in summer between work in the city and in the adjacent villages.

Miss F. C. Martin tells us that the year has been filled with great opportunities in Rawalpindi City. 264 women have been under instruction and many of these have completed a short course of Bible study. The year closes with but one Bible woman to help with this great work in this city of 80,000 people.

During the hot season, zenanas in Rawalpindi Cantonement were visited regularly, but these had to be left at the beginning of the itinerating season. Miss Lawrence writes: "Rawalpindi Cantonement has a great many men of the servant class who call themselves Christians to get service, but are Christians only in name. There is a great work to be done among their families and a lady missionary could spend her entire time among them and in building up the church which was organized in the Cantonement this last year."

Miss Anna Hamilton left Rawalpindi in October to enter a new field of work as the wife of Rev. E. E. Campbell in the Christian Training Institute, Sialkot. She writes: "Rawalpindi City is full of memories—the bright, young Pathan women kept in such strict seclusion that they are not allowed even on the roof of their own home, though it is surrounded by a high parapet; the dear little girl wife dying slowly of consumption and eager each visit for the old, old story; the little tot who makes no effort to hide her joy at the Miss Sahiba's coming and who, when the women have finished reading, must always say her lesson, 'God is love' and sing 'O Children, hither do ye come;' the bright young Mohammedan woman who has read her Bible regularly in connection with her English lesson; the young Mohammedan mother and her interesting family; the poor English woman who denied her Lord, married a Mohammedan, and now deserted by him, is teaching a little Mohammedan school; the broken-hearted first wife who has been set aside for one more pleasing. Memory recalls many other sisters who need our lives and our prayers that they may be lifted out of darkness into His marvelous light.

"Last year an Anglo-Indian woman was brought to me. She had been living openly and professedly in sin but was convicted of the wickedness of her life and wanted help. She was taken into our home. Upon the discovery that she

was addicted to the use of opium, she was sent to our mission hospital that she might have help in overcoming this awful habit and also receive further instruction in spiritual things. Realizing the impossibility of her remaining long in the hospital and that she could not be brought back to our home, I made many inquiries as to an institution where such a woman could be cared for. There seemed to be no place for one so sunken in sin. I did not despair, for during the days that she had been with me, I felt her desire for a better life was sincere and believed God would save her. Finally a door opened, and in December, she entered her new 'home.' She has been having victory and growing in grace and now just a year later, word comes that she is an entirely changed woman—bright, and intelligent and faithful in work assigned her. She has been accepted in a good hospital and is earning for herself and so independent of financial help. My heart overflows with praise when I contrast this useful Christian woman with the wretched creature of a year ago. The money, the anxiety, the tears, the prayers—all were well spent. The reward far exceeds the service."

Many women from Rawalpindi spend the hot season in the summer resort of Murree because of their husband's work there. The missionaries were not able last summer to provide a Bible woman for them and because of press of work in Rawalpindi, could not go to them with the message of Jesus Christ.

In Gujranwala City, 1446 visits were made during the year. Many women have confessed their belief that Christ is the only Saviour, but seem to think they can believe in Him and be saved without baptism. The Bible women, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Thakur Dass, were both unable for work for several weeks because of illness.

One day when Mrs. Thakur Dass was teaching that Christ is the only way of salvation and that all other ways lead only to destruction, a woman said to her, "People have been put to death for teaching that doctrine," "Yes," the Bible woman replied, "My grandfather was martyred for preaching that doctrine and if it is God's will, I am ready to suffer the same fate, for I know it is true." The mouths of these bigoted Mohammedan women were closed and ever since, they have been eager to hear the Word.

More than thirty years ago, at the very beginning of Miss McCullough's zenana work in Gujranwala, a pretty young Brahman bride became so interested in the gospel that she wished to be baptized. Her husband persuaded her that she could secretly believe on Christ and live as a Christian in her own home. When they moved away from Gujranwala, she wept at leaving her teacher without having been baptized. After her husband died, she returned with her sons to Gujranwala. They were educated in the Mission High School and so well instructed there that they have both confessed their faith in Christ to their mother and to Miss McCullough. The mother tried to win salvation by fasting and bodily self-denial until paralysis of one side of her body has resulted. Since then Miss McCullough and the Bible woman have visited her frequently and they believe that she has true faith in Christ, although not strong enough to give up everything for baptism. Pray for her and her family.

Many tell of the need for Bible women. Miss McCahon writes: "The work for the non-Christian women and girls of Sialkot City has not been so full of in-

terest and encouragement since I have had charge of it, as it is at present, and it is heart-breaking to have to close the year without even one Bible woman to enter the open doors. The one who was with me nine months proved unworthy and no one has been found to take her place. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into this needy field.

Our sympathies are stirred when we hear of the pitiful condition of the Hindu widows in India, but there are many sad young Mohammedan women who have been married to husbands that never care for them, and who either forsake them or make their lives miserable by ill-treatment and neglect. I meet with many such and during the past year, three have asked me to 'make Christians' of them, hoping thus to escape from their unhappy surroundings. In only one case, is there reason to believe that the desire to become a Christian is a sincere one. Two other young wives, forsaken by their husbands, are interested in the Gospel and would be willing to come out if the way were open to them."

The Bible woman of Khangah Dogran gives the following examples of the triumph of Christ in the midst of the enemy's camp. In the newer part of the city, five women have confessed the impossibility of salvation by any human means. In the older part of the city, four women now pray in their homes instead of visiting the tombs of their ancient kings. They have accepted Christ for themselves, believing that He came forth from God and that He died for us and only through Him is forgiveness for sin, but they fear yet to come out publicly and confess Him before men. They are very rich and to confess Christ publicly would result in their being cast out of home, spurned by loved ones, and the loss of all that makes this life dear. Pray for them. Another, Hussain Bibi, the daughter of a Maulvie, called the Bible woman and asked to be taught the Bible. She is especially fond of the New Testament. The Koran has become offensive to her and she says, "I have great consolation from my faith in the things you believe." Praise God for her and pray that God may yet do greater things for her.

A pupil of the Bible woman in Pasrur, who has attributed a long illness to the curse of an enemy, has found great comfort in the prayers and messages of the Bible woman.

A number of the most influential Hindu and Mohammedan women of Lyallpur are active members of a Social Service Club which meets each week in the Mission Girls' School. The Club motto is, "By love serve." The object, "To do good to all. To make our own homes clean and neat, models. To teach our children by precept and example, greater purity of speech and more examplary condut. To train them to be loyal, truthful and helpful. To encourage female education. To stimulate an interest in the reading of good books. To discourage drinking and smoking. To agitate for city improvement—better water supply, sewerage, placing of receptacles for street litter, etc. To help the poor, the sick, the sorrowful, all who need our help, whenever opportunity offers." Once a month a lecture, to which the members invite their friends, is given on some religious or educational subject.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart tells of the baptism of a Mohammedan lady of position in Pathankot. Her husband, Dr. Gulam Ali, confessed Christ some years ago and has endured much persecution. He lived in Southern India, apart from his

family, for several years; then realizing his duty toward his wife and four children, who were still in a Mohammedan community, he brought them to Pathankot where he put them under Christian influence. The four children were baptized a year ago, and the mother found peace in Christ this last summer.

Some 290 women are under instruction and 1650 visits have been made in Jhelum City. Miss Logan writes that last summer, a high caste young woman went, with the consent of her parents, to the Avalon High School. She has asked to be baptized but because of the uncertainty of her age, her baptism has been delayed.

The Sarah Dougherty Training School for zenana workers was held last May in Sialkot. Most of the Bible women of the Mission availed themselves of this opportunity for a two weeks' course of Bible study and instruction in Methods of zenana work. The subjects considered in the daily Bible classes were, "God's Plan of Salvation, as presented in the four Gospels" and "Methods of Presenting the Gospel to Different Classes of People, from The Acts." For practical work, the school was divided into groups of three or four each. These went out each morning to different parts of the city assigned and took the Gospel into some 75 non-Christian homes. One of the more experienced lady missionaries or Bible women accompanied each party to assist with suggestions as to the best way of presenting the Gospel to the women. Helpful addresses were given and a conference was held on the various problems of zenana work.

VILLAGE WORK AMONG NON-CHRISTIANS.

"Go Out Into the Highways."

The reports coming from our workers among non-Christian women in the villages are varied, and truly representative of the attitude of the non-Christian women in the Punjab. We read between the lines of the letters: In one, we feel the heart-ache and bitter tears because of the hardness of the hearts of those to whom the Gospel is presented —Satan's barriers are not easily cast down. Truly we 'fight not against flesh and blood." In another is a ray of hope because of an increased friendliness on the part of the women. This means added opportunities of winning them for Christ. Then comes the letter telling of those personally convicted of the truth of Christianity, who are not quite brave enough to endure to the end—the "almost persuaded." Can our faith bridge the chasm and bring them in victorious? Best of all is the note of joy and victory, telling of the "little ones" who have endured persecution and suffered loss that they might "gain Christ." We sorrow with them in their sufferings, but rejoice to say that they often receive a rich reward even in this life—a cessation of persecutions and an opportunity of living a happy life in a consecrated Christian home.

The ladies of Jhelum District sought to find entrance into some home in the village of Thur. They were met with suspicion, and it was only after much vain effort that they finally gained admission to the court yard of a weaver. A group of some twenty women and girls gathered and were just becoming interested in the lesson, when a Mohammedan teacher appeared, shoe in hand (which she used over the heads of the listeners) and scattered the crowd, say-

ing, "What mean you by thus sitting here listening to this false teaching!" The teacher did not stay and in a few minutes, a few women ventured back. Among them was a young Mohammedan girl of about 15 years of age—Fatima. She very evidently returned in no spirit of friendliness, but with the express purpose of hindering the others from hearing. This she promptly did by warning the others in an undertone. The ladies left and tried another street, hoping to get away from the disturbing element. They had no more than become settled there, when they saw Fatima seated at a spinning wheel, and near by, her mother. The mother was inclined to be friendly, but Fatima's, "Don't let them sit here" and her unfriendly attitude again stirred up suspicion and distrust, so they had to seek another house. This third house was that of a Hindu. There, they hoped to be rid of their Mohammedan opposers. But, again, Fatima was present and, again, that undercurrent of suspicion was felt and some of the women got up and left. Fatima, now that she had accomplished her purpose, sat down among the other women. Miss Gordon says of her, "As she watched us curiously, I couldn't help but wonder what might be going on in her mind; and if her zeal could only be touched by the Truth of the Gospel, what a power she could be in the Master's cause. She returned my smile. After all, perhaps, a bit of truth found its way into her heart. She had heard so many things about us, 'The Christians have power to make other Christians, baptizing them in swine's blood, and marrying them to low caste men, etc.' Fatima is one of the many in Jhelum District who are needing your prayers."

Also from Jhelum comes the story of a visit to the home of Sabir Masih, a convert to Christianity from Mohammedanism: "His mother is a little past middle age, tall, and fine looking. Our sudden appearance took her by surprise, but she hesitated for only a moment, then came forward and gave us a friendly greeting. She asked after our welfare and we after hers. Her agitation showed what she was really trying to hide; so we told her that her son was well; that he loved her; often spoke of her, and was one in whom she should take pleasure in rather than regard bitterly. She wept at the mention of his name. She was hungry to hear about him, but her only word was of bitter denunciation. She said she could not forgive him for becoming a Christian, though, later, she severely rebuked some neighbors who spoke insultingly of us, saying, 'Hush, they are his sisters.' We tried to tell her of the faith in which her son had come to trust, and how both he and we longed that she, too, might believe on the Lord Jesus, but she put our words coldly from her. As we passed along the narrow street, I thought of the bright faced boy of whom his mother was so proud and of the hopes that centered in him. Religiously inclined even from childhood, he received his elementary education in the Mosque, with the Koran as text-book. Then the missionary camp came and he heard a message that was to change his life even on into eternity. In his village he was bitterly persecuted and would certainly have been killed had he remained. He is now a student in our Theological Seminary. When I told him of our visit to his mother, the quick look of pain and tear-filled eyes showed how much the separation meant to him. You, in the home-land, to whom religion means a close bond of union rather than separation, will you not take this mother into

your prayer fellowship, daily, constantly, till a message from this land tells you that she has found the Savior her son loves?"

"A Sikh woman was at the tent," Miss Cleland writes, "she had been reading some out of the Gospels and I had been talking to her about the Savior. Before she started away, I asked her to buy, for a cent apiece, one or more of the four Gospels, that she might read for herself. 'I have read,' she replied. 'Oh, but you have read only a few verses,' I said, 'you have not even had a chance to find out the purpose of the book yet.' 'I know what the purpose is,' she answered. 'It says, "Believe on Jesus Christ."' When one's cup is full, what does he want of more?' 'But, after a while, one's cup gets empty, then he gets hungry. If you had this book, your hunger would be appeased.' 'You will be here again next year and I can get the book then,' she said. 'But, you know we cannot count on next year, and, besides, you may want the book before next year,' was my answer. She fingered the book and looked long at it and I could see she wanted it very much but could not quite bring herself to take it. So, though she kept looking back longingly at the book, she went away, saying, 'When I am hungry, I will come to you,' not realizing that she was hungry then. But she has heard once and so is better off than many others—than many of the hundreds of thousands just here in our district to whom we have no time to go. Whose fault is it?"

Miss Beatty, from Lower Pasrur District, gives a characteristic example of one who has been prejudiced against Christianity even before she has heard its teachings: "As we sat teaching the Christians in one of the villages, a Mohammedan woman came up and said, 'You need another book. The one you have is not correct. The one our Prophet wrote is correct.' We told her to listen to the teachings of our Book and see for herself whether it is true or not. She said, 'No, I know it is not correct.' We tried to talk to her but she was trying just as hard to preach to us. Finally, we said, 'Sister, we know you are not happy. We are happy and we have a joy in our hearts that tells us that ours is the real Word of God.' She said no more, but walked away. May the Sword of the Spirit pierce her heart with the conviction of its own truth and power."

Mrs. Anderson presents another phase of Indian life as seen in Rawalpindi. "A fair and refined English woman, in native dress and in the seclusion of the purdah, is teaching a Mohammedan Girls' School to eke out a living for herself and two daughters. She is deserted by the base Indian man, in the infatuation for whom she broke the hearts of her mother and the proud Major, her father. When we are alone with her, what a sad expression rests upon her face as we talk of Jesus, the only sinless One! 'Yes, yes,' she assents eagerly though despondently, 'He was perfect, He was sinless!' But when the Mohammedan women come crowding about us, she puts on a bravado to hide her real feelings and joins in their chatting of the creed, 'There is no God but God and Mohammed is His Prophet.' 'What can I do,' she says with a sad shrug of her shoulders, 'Is it not through these Mohammedan friends that I and my daughters live? God is kind. He will forgive.'"

We quote from Miss Belle Hamilton, "Two low caste Hindu women, mother and daughter, appeared at our tent door one evening in Zafarwal District. The daughter was ill and they wanted

medicine. They both had seen sorrow and trouble; the mother had lost five of her ten children and her first husband, then her brother-in-law had married her as a matter of convenience although it was against their caste rules. He was not very good to her and she felt her lot to be a hard one. The daughter was a deserted wife. 'I wonder in what age we may have trespassed that we should have so much trouble,' the mother said. We tried to correct this Hindu doctrine, telling her we have only to do with the present and to prepare for the future and that trouble is sometimes sent for our own good. There was no real response; she went away, as far as we could judge, in the same state in which she came. Was the fault ours, was the presentation wrong? Or had the women at home failed to pray that day that the Holy Spirit would apply the truth as we taught it?"

Mrs. J. H. Stewart was invited to stop in a court yard to talk to some bright, young Mohammedan women. They were interested, asking earnest questions about Salvation. Suddenly one exclaimed, "Oh, there comes your father-in-law!" One ran and hid herself while the others dispersed. Poor women! Living in constant fear of husband or father-in-law! No matter what convictions of conscience they may have, they are not their own. They cannot act for themselves.

Two of our veteran missionaries, Misses Cynthia and Rosa Wilson, give items of interest regarding their work in Pathankot District. The following incident throws a little light on the physical demands made on the district worker. "We sent our camp across the Ravi River, expecting to drive out the next day. But we found the road so closed up with huge stones that we were compelled to turn our horse and cart back and walk the remaining three miles to camp. The sun was hot and the stones sharp. Weary and foot-sore, we reached the camp, only to find that we had been called to the home of an official. 'How can we go!,' we said, but, fearing to lose this opportunity for service, we took a short rest and went. We were very cordially received by this refined, educated family. Lajwanti, the daughter, who is educated in several languages, entertained us by reading and singing. They also asked us to read to them from our books, and they received teaching every day till our camp left. While we were explaining Psalm 23, the mother exclaimed, 'Would that I could see God!' We told her that Jesus came to manifest God and that He and the Father are one. We praise God that she is interested in these things."

They also tell of a visit to a Panjabi seamstress. She is one of the very few village women who earns her livelihood by the use of the needle. The woman has an eager mind and a retentive memory and readily learned the Bible Stories which had been taught to her. On the occasion of this visit, Miss Wilson tells of the interruptions so often met with in such a visit. A curious, noisy crowd gathers about and interrupts the lesson, a man comes in to borrow a needle, a boy comes in with a basket of plums and there is a general scramble for them. The poor woman finally becomes impatient at the frequent disturbances. She is really a hungry soul asking for food. May the Lord grant the unconscious prayer of her heart.

From Upper Pasrur District comes this message: "It was with real interest rather than with idle curiosity that a Mohammedan woman sat down

among the Christians and said, 'Tell me about Jesus Christ.' A sister joined her, and they were willing to agree to every thing that was said except that Christ is the Son of God. Every time that statement was made they would object. When told that He is coming again, they looked worried, but said, 'We shall see when He comes. If He is the Son of God, we shall then believe.' Poor women! They went away in doubt, not satisfied with their own religion, but not ready to accept the salvation offered in Christ! The Mohammedan women have been listening this winter with more eagerness than we have ever seen before. Often the majority of our audience is made up of non-Christian women, and we feel that much is accomplished when they are learning along with the Christians."

Miss Brotherston thus tells of one of the phases of heathen life: "At one village, to the back of our camp was the Mohammedan graveyard and to one side, the Hindu burning place. One evening about sun-set, a crowd of women came from the village, wailing as they walked. Their noise attracted our attention. We looked and saw men preparing a funeral pyre for the body of a young woman who had died after an illness of four of five days. Soon it was blazing, and the women, standing some distance away, set to beating their breasts, keeping time to a chant they were repeating. We distinctly heard the sound of the beating but could not hear what they were saying. Men remained until the funeral pyre was burned away. When the fire was quite out, we saw them searching through the ashes for the teeth and nails, in order to send them to the River Ganges. They think that this will secure salvation for the deceased. Oh, the blackness of the darkness of heathenism! May it soon be dispersed by the Light of Christ. May the day spring from on high visit them, to shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide their feet into the way of peace."

In contrast with this scene is the note of faith and hope as she writes of the heart-hunger of many who come to hear the message, "Many seem more interested in the message this year than ever before. They are much impressed by the thought that Christ can save us from committing sin in our daily lives. They look at each other and repeat the thought, and then turn back with an eager look for more."

The ladies in Sialkot District have sent in some interesting items touching on some of the real perplexities and difficulties met with in work among non-Christian village women. One woman, Barkate, with the characteristic, overbearing selfishness shown by so many of the Mohammedan women who consider themselves above the average, made almost impossible demands on the long-suffering missionary. When slightly ill, she demanded, "Take me to the hospital, stay with me while I get my medicines, and bring me back to the village." She had no thought of what a ten-mile drive would mean to the busy missionary, nor of any other plans she might have had for the day. She made herself very trying all day, demanding what pleased her. On seeing the family photographs, however, she was touched with the sacrifice of the missionary in leaving loved ones to come to India. That day of self-sacrifice was not in vain. At the time of the next visit of the camp to Barkate's village, she was a changed woman; and one of her friends says that Barkate is now a secret believer in Christ.

Another incident from the same camp

shows how necessary it is to exercise great care and caution in actually receiving into the church those who come to us for baptism. A Mohammedan man and woman came, expressing a desire for baptism. While the woman knew very little about Christianity, she was eager to embrace it immediately. Her very great eagerness, along with her ignorance, led to suspicion of her motives. The man wished to have her baptized at once—seeming to hesitate about taking the step immediately himself. He was told of the impossibility of her baptism before she was instructed in the principles of the Faith. They were placed under the instruction of the catechist of their village, and the woman learned a good many things, though suspicion of her motives still lived in the hearts of the missionaries. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that she was the wife of a feeble-minded man. Her very act of becoming a Christian would divorce her from him. She could then marry this other man and be received back into the Mohammedan religion. Needless to say, baptism was not administered. But they have an intellectual knowledge of the Way, and the time may come when, with cleansed motives and sincere hearts, they will accept the Savior.

A letter from Miss Fehlman, of Gujranwala, tells us of her experience in going out alone one day when Miss Buchanan had been called away. Timid about venturing in where there were no Christians, she went to teach some Christians in a village near by. Finding only one Christian woman, she started to read John X to her. She says, "Before I had read very long, about fifteen or twenty Mohammedan women had come to listen. They listened attentively and seemed to realize that Christ had died for His sheep and that they would become one of His flock, if they believed on him and followed Him. I felt so happy in their faith, but, oh, I wished for a better use of their language! Then I could explain to them more fully the way of salvation."

A Mohammedan woman came alone to the ladies in the Upper Pasrur camp, saying, "I want to hear about Jesus Christ." Her son had run away after being punished for a misdemeanor in the village school. He was found, after several months of searching, in the home of an uncle in a distant city. Her sad heart craved sympathy and she listened eagerly to the words of life as they were read or sung and explained. As she was leaving, she said, "When I am with you, I believe in Christ; but when I am in my own home, I forget the things you say." May the blessed Spirit of God keep her in mind of these things.

In a bigoted Mohammedan district, such as Rawalpindi, the women are not allowed to go about freely, and do not usually come to the tents as they do in other districts. But, at one place, the camp was fortunately pitched near a little stream where the women from several villages came for water, and they could drop in at the tent for a few minutes without fear of discovery. Medicine and the organ were great attractions, but one day a woman came who had been very much interested in the message as she had heard it in her village. She said, "I believe the words you told us and believe that Jesus can save us, but there is one difficulty. If we become Christians, shall we be compelled to eat the forbidden thing (meaning swines' flesh)?" The missionaries told her, then, of the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men. She went away with a copy of the Gospel of Matthew, which

her little girl was to read. Pray with us that she may be the first of many such women coming to the tent to learn the Way of Life.

A touching story comes to us from Sialkot—the story of a beautiful, sad-eyed young Mohammedan woman—one of the three wives of a hard, old Maulvie. She is one of the hidden ones who fain would love the Lord, but is called upon to suffer persecution because of her desire to accept Christ. Hungry at heart, she slipped out to the tents and asked that the Word might be read to her quickly, as she feared that her husband might find out about her visit and punish her. The message of God's love in John III was given and her hungry heart responded. "I will come again," she said as she left. The Maulvie *did* find out that she had visited the missionaries and beat her mercilessly and reviled her at the top of his voice before the whole village. In spite of her bruised body and disfigured face, she came again the next day, pleading for another lesson on the Love of God. The first epistle of John was read and as she heard, the tenderness and wonder of the heavenly Father's love gripped her heart. As it dawned upon her what this love meant to Christians, she cried, "Oh, if you love me, and He loves me, take me with you and let me be a Christian, too!" The missionary tenderly explained to her how impossible it would be to keep her in camp and she could only commend her to the heavenly Father's loving care. Again the Maulvie heard, and again she suffered. This time he shut her up and she did not return again. The camp moved on. Two weeks later, taking advantage of the absence of her husband, she ran away, leaving word that she had gone to visit an aunt. She found her way to the missionary camp and begged to be taken in. With bitter pain, the missionary had to explain to her the utter impossibility of hiding away a Maulvie's wife, and the fact that, until the Refuge Home is ready, there was no place to send her. After the reading of the Word and earnest prayer, the little woman went away. She evidently did not return to her husband, for, a month later, he came in search of her. Two years later, the camp again went to her village and the missionary then learned that the Maulvie had taken his young wife to the city of Amritsar, where there is ample place for him to keep hidden this sad, young heart. The Father, alone, knows her state, but He knows, too, the prayers that have gone up for her—that He might keep her true to Jesus, and pure, body and soul. A young and beautiful woman, of high position, whose heart has turned to Christ, is in terrible peril among orthodox Mohammedans. May He be very tender with her.

From Miss McConnell comes the following: "A wrinkled, old woman came to the mission camp. She sat and listened to the story of the Christ Who came to earth and gave Himself for her sins. Finally she said, 'I can't remember. My people all read the Koran. I have tried many times but as soon as I read a lesson, I forget it. I can't learn, so I just say every day, "O merciful God, give me a repentant heart and bless me and my family."' 'When you pray, use Christ's name, for He is our Intercessor,' we told her. Then, over and over, she repeated, 'Jesus Christ is my Intercessor.' 'When I go back to the house, I shall tell this to the Maulvini (wife of a Mohammedan teacher),' she said. Laboriously she learned, 'Jesus Christ loved me and gave Himself for me.' 'How often shall I say these

words?' she questioned, 'every time I read the "namaz" (Mohammedan prayers)?'—then, 'I must go, tell me my lesson again.' She went away in the approaching darkness and back into the spiritual darkness of her village. As long as we could hear, she was repeating, 'Jesus Christ loved me and gave Himself for me.' We have not found her nor has she found us since that evening. Has the little gleam of light in her soul withstood the opposing winds of evil and superstition that have blown against it? We can only pray that she and others like her, who have come to us and then out into the darkness, may let God's Spirit keep the tiny light burning until transformed by its power —His power—they are ready to enter the presence of the One Who dwelleth in light unapproachable."

Khangah Dogran sends this message: "Two days before Christmas, Hassain Bibi, a prominent Mohammedan woman of her village came out to our camp and said, 'I want to hear some of the things the women say you have told them.' As she listened to the 'old, old story,' the tears fell from her eyes. When a slight confusion arose from the arrival of some other women, she turned and said, 'Keep quiet; don't you know that this word is worth 100,000 rupees!' As she left, she said, 'Pray for me, that I may have a clean heart and might know the true way.' The next day, she brought her daughter, sister, and nieces to hear the Word. On Christmas day, she came for us to go and speak to the crowd she had gathered at her home. She brought her husband to the door-way behind the women, asking that we speak loud enough for him to hear. She had told him all we had said and he, too, desired to know of the Way. As she escorted us out of the village, she said, 'I believe, in my heart, all you say, and hereafter, shall pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Who is the Savior of the world.'"

Miss Hadley gives a contrasting picture of two homes: Aishan is a Mohammedan wife who has been supplanted by a younger woman. She is permitted to remain in the home on sufference and is allowed to go on, day after day, almost blind, because her husband is too busy or too careless to take her to the Hospital for the operation which would restore her sight. How different the following picture: "At the last Sialkot Convention, we had the privilege of meeting again a young woman, a convert from Mohammedanism. She has now been married several years; it was good to see how thoughtful her husband was of her and how happy they seemed to be together. She has no children, and if she were still a Mohammedan, she would, probably, ere this, have been put away for this reason. When we see the hundreds of happy girls in our Boarding Schools, and the bright, intelligent women who attend our Women's Presbyterial meetings, we know something of what Christianity has done for the Punjab."

VILLAGE WORK AMONG CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

"Teaching Them to Observe."

Running through all the reports of work among Christian women which come to us, is an undertone of thanksgiving and encouragement. There is so much for which to be thankful that it seems we might profitably, for a little while, consign our discouragements to a secondary place. As in former years, the time of the district missionary is taken up with the usual round of teaching and preaching. Monotonous it would seem, and progress slow, if it were not for those blessed words of our Master,

"And lo, I am with you alway." That is the secret. Each seed sown will have its fruit in the coming harvest. Sometimes we forget that these ignorant villagers, now members of the Christian Church, were not taught the Catechism and the Lord's Prayer at their grandmother's knee. On the contrary they learned to make manure cakes for fuel, use vile language, and bow down to mud images. Little by little, as they become acquainted with God's Word, and memorize the Bible stories taught by the worker on his occasional visits, their lives are changed and the fruits of the Spirit become manifest. And the result? The Mohammedan neighbors say, "You are no longer outcastes, you are Christians; come and use water out of our wells."

Listen to an incident reported by the Khangah Dogran women: "As our camp was near by the little village where the Indian worker lived, he requested us to be present at the regular evening worship. As he is the only man who can read, it is the custom for the Christians to gather every evening with this family in their one-roomed home. Though few in number, these people are faithful and their religion means much to them. The worker has only a grammar grade education, but along with that something more vital—the Spirit of Christ. After opening the meeting with prayer and the singing of a Psalm in which all joined heartily, he read the lesson from the fourth chapter of John—Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman. One of the lessons drawn from this was, that each one who has taken the name of Christ must consider himself a missionary, one whose duty and privilege it is to win others. No matter how humble the walk in life each one has a place to fill. He used as an illustration the network of canals which bring life to these parched, barren plains. As the water is all drawn from one source by one great canal which divides into several and these in turn into many more subdivisions, until, at last, a little insignificant tributary brings the life-giving water to some remote corner, so each one of us is a tiny tributary upon which the Master is depending as a means of bringing the water of life to some person or community. The story was told and retold until the listeners themselves were able to repeat it. Two or three led in voluntary prayer. The spirit manifested reflected the life of the leader, earnest, sincere, one who practices as well as preaches. Although from a caste who are thieves by trade, his honesty is unquestioned. Through such as this India is to be won for Christ."

One woman's influence is shown in the following from Mrs. Mercer of Gujranwala District. They had driven to a village expecting to find a few Christians, but were told that not only were there none, but no one cared to listen. Finally a woman, who proved to be a Christian from a neighboring village, ordered beds to be placed that the missionaries might be seated A large crowd soon gathered. This woman was asked to tell what she had learned. She repeated the Lord's Prayer, the ten commandments, apostles creed, and many Psalms, then joined in singing the 51st Psalm. Using a picture to illustrate, the Mem Sahiba then told the story of the prodigal son, weaving into it the joy of heaven over the sinner that repents and the hope we have of eternal life in our heavenly Father's home if we believe and accept Christ, His only begotten Son. On leaving, she called the Christian woman to her, and giving the picture into her hands, asked her to show

it to all the women and tell the story over and over until each one could tell it. Three days later when Christians from the neighboring villages were gathering at the camp for the Sabbath service, 15 men from the above mentioned village appeared. They said the woman had given the picture to her husband and he, in turn, had taught them the story. Now, the low-caste people of the whole village were anxious to be taught. A few days later they again appeared asking for baptism. Although not ready for this step, certainly a hunger was manifest which a week before had been lacking. The hungry soul "shall be satisfied."

Miss Buchanan thus tells of the hunger in one childish heart: "She was such a wee girl to carry such a big baby and her little back seemed almost bent at right angles as she staggered under her load. She was hurrying along with the other girls to watch the missionary's tent being pitched. On they hurried through clouds of dust, to the open space outside the village, where the camp would soon be standing, Rabbiya, for such was the little burden bearer's name, only stopping to shift the load from one hip to the other. And so Miss Fehlman and I found them standing in front of the tent. But Rabbiya could do more than carry babies. Before we could take off our hats, she was saying in her quiet little way, 'We are so glad you have come back, for we can't quite remember all that song you taught us last year and we want to learn some more. I remembered every time about saying bad words—that is, almost every time.' No day in that camp passed but Rabbiya was found in her place at the door of the tent, with the big, little brother begging his share of the attention. But, despite the distractions, more seeds were sown in the little heart."

The report from Sargodha speaks of progress. Especial effort has been made to impress upon the women the importance of prayer as a means of growth in the Christian life. At a village recently visited, one of the women, at the close of the meeting, asked for prayer for one of their number who was ill. The women have been discouraged in the wearing of charms and are coming more and more to put their trust in the living God rather than in any of man's devices. They love to learn the Psalms. At one village, the young women and girls came out to the tent every evening to be present at the evening worship, remaining to sing long after the meeting had closed. In another place they walked several miles to attend the Sabbath day service, and not satisfied with that, accompanied the Miss Sahiba to the tent, where they remained singing Psalms until dark.

From the same district we have this instance of the sustaining power of the Spirit: "On hearing that a baby, in one of our Christian families was sick with plague, I started at once to the village, but the child died before my arrival. The mother came to meet me with a 'Panjabi hug,' and seemed to pour out her grief in the strength of her hug and in the tears she shed on my shoulder. When I tried to say a few words to comfort her, she said, 'It is all right. The Lord does what seems right to Him and we do not complain.' As the other Christian women had gathered to mourn with her, we had a little service together, talking about heaven and the Lord's love. When I asked the mother if she would like us to sing, she said, 'Yes, do sing.' 'You choose the song,' I said to her. 'Please sing,

"While I live, I will praise Jehovah,"' was her answer. When I heard a few days later that another child had died of the same disease, leaving only one child in the family, I knew she would still be able to praise the Lord."

Miss Elizabeth Lawrence reports for Pasrur District: "The Christian women of Pasrur City were reached through their children during the summer. A very interesting Junior Society was started which the pastor's wife has carried on. The mothers were glad to send their children to the meeting whether they were held in the church or in their own court yards. A red and blue contest aroused an interest which has not been shown in years. Sometimes the women's class in the Sabbath School was almost too large for the teacher to manage. Most of the women also remained for the church service and learned to sit quietly.

"The Ford is proving to be a great help in the work. We were able in the summer to visit a number of villages that were usually seen only in the camping season.

"One cannot overestimate the influence of a good girl in a village. Three years ago, the women of a certain village evinced little interest and less knowledge. Although they had not been visited in the meantime, this year the spirit of the place was quite different. The women were eager to learn and recited all that they knew. We wondered at the cause until we discovered Resham. We remembered how she and her mother had recited every day the Apostles Creed, the ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and Bible stories which they were learning before their baptism four years ago. Now, Resham has been married and is arousing the women of her husband's village to a new interest."

Sangla Hill reports: "We are teaching a prepared course of Bible stories and endeavoring to get the women to tell the stories without help from any one. Many need coaxing before they will even make the attempt, and are quite surprised to find they can do it. We are much pleased at the way the women remember their Thank-Offering. Some bring it without a word from us. They are also learning how to pray and it is getting easier for them to pray in public. One dear old woman said to us, 'Remember to pray for us. We pray for you every day.' We have had a good attendance at the night meetings and the women have done well in answering questions."

From Lyallpur comes this interesting message: "One of the many evidences of growth in knowledge and faith among our illiterate Christian women is the absence of charms and the old superstitous rites too prevalent some years ago. The powers of darkness prevailed recently though in one of our villages. A Christian woman died, leaving a baby a few hours old. The Hindu neighbors reminded the relatives that if they failed to observe certain rites, the ghost of the dead woman would frequent the village to bring evil upon it and especially vent her wrath on a second wife in her place. The relatives, afraid to incur the displeasure of the Hindus and fearing the possibility of some truth in the old belief, decided to take necessary precautions. Accordingly the dead woman's eyes were filled with pepper that her ghost might be unable to find her way back to the village; her thumbs were fastened together to prevent her clutching at the throat of the living; and her great toes bound in the same way to

cripple her walking. We praise God for the many evidences that the entrance of His word giveth light and that the Bible stories committed have crowded out these old superstitions from their thoughts and delivered from the bondage of fear, multitudes of our humble Punjabi sisters."

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The special medium of service of our Christian women to the Punjab Church is the Women's Missionary Society as found in different congregations and village communities; and though it falls very far short of our ideal for it, yet there are many things for which we are, indeed, thankful. Such societies have been formed in almost every congregation and in many villages, but in the nature of things, they are carried on effectively only in those places where they have some woman, who either can read or who, though illiterate, has the gift of leadership. A few characteristic reports tell what is being done by these societies:

One society boasts of a membership of fifty. Their monthly collections for last year amounted to seventy-five rupees, their Thank-Offering, one hundred rupees. This year, for the first time, this society has a Temperance Secretary, and besides her work among Christian women, she has aroused an interest in the Temperance Cause among many of her non-Christian neighbors. Last November the society sent her as their delegate to the All-India W. C. T. U. Convention which was held at Pathankot.

In some societies sewing circles have been formed and the women make little kurtas (shirts) for orphans or the sick children in our hospitals at Sialkot and Jhelum.

Another society has a weekly prayer meeting for women, but once a month call it the Women's Missionary Society meeting and the program for this is a little more elaborate in that the roll call is responded to by special verses and an offering is taken. Once a year the missionary gives a social for this society, and sometimes as a special treat, the woman at whose house the meeting is held will serve musk melon, parched grain, or sweetened ice water. Those who can read, act as the societies officers and sometimes give Bible readings; those who are illiterate take their turn in leading the meetings, announcing those Psalms they know and telling a Bible story as they remember it. Their Thank-Offering this year was over sixty-one rupees.

THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE AS THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT; AND THEY THAT TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE STARS FOREVER AND EVER.

—DANIEL 12:3.

EGYPT.

BENI SUEF.

Beni Suef Girls' School is supported by the Women's Board, although the house is donated rent free by a wealthy Copt, Gholy Bey Aryan, whose eldest son is an elder in the Evangelical Church here. The four teachers have kept on their work faithfully; the daily attendance was sometimes over one hundred. The year opened with the Superintendent, Miss Hammond, in Assiut Hospital, where she was detained for treatment longer than she at first planned. So the school had only the intermittent superintendence of the other missionaries in the station.

A class of four qualified for the four-year diploma given by this school, and commencement exercises were held the last of December.

The aim has been that the girls might be won for Christ and fitted for either higher schools or to be blessings in their homes.

I think the school has been successful educationally in that it has kept these girls till they finished the prescribed course despite opposition.

I believe that the girls' interest in spiritual things is growing.

FAYOUM GIRLS' SCHOOL.

During the first six months owing to the removal of missionaries, there were several different people superintending the school at times. Consequently, this September found a new staff of teachers. Our new Syrian principal, Miss Sara Eid, whose active Presbyterian Christianity is having a wholesome effect on the pupils, and their conduct and attendance at chapel and church services is one of our blessings.

There has been a great deal of sickness among the pupils this year, so the average daily attendance has not been good—averaging 110.

We aimed to get some of the pupils of the three highest classes to join the church, and our hearts were made glad by three former pupils joining. One testified to the good she had received in the daily Bible Class where she had formed her decision to join at the earliest opportunity.

We also tried to have all the pupils attend the Sabbath School, but so far we have a regular attendance of between 60 and 70 girls out of the whole school which is a little more than half of the enrollment.

Educationally, the school as a whole has not been so successful as in other years, though some classes have done very well. This was due to so many changes of teachers, some of whom were young, new, and inexperienced though the best we could get to come to Fayoum, and also to lack of daily missionary oversight and guidance of the new teachers.

Evangelically, we find the girls more interested and attending the church services better than is usual in Fayoum and less bigotted. We are enjoying the unusual privilege of having no complaints by any one this year either about chapel or Bible lessons and no refusals to study the Shorter Catechism. This is another of our blessings and has come only in answer to prayer.

About 40 of the oldest pupils (most of the pupils in the three highest classes) have asked for and read the daily Bible readings of the Children's Service Mission of London and often ask for explanation of the h a r d e r portions. Former pupils ask for this little card too.

LUXOR GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

During the year, 1915, our school has seen many changes in regard to workers. One year ago we had with us Misses Whiteside, McVey and Milne. The last of April, Miss Whiteside was called to America on account of the serious illness of her father. At the end of May Miss McVey having completed two very successful years with us, also returned to America. At the same time Miss Milne, our capable matron for nearly three years, left us to return to her former work in the Cairo Y. W. C. A.

Her leaving was a stroke of economy on our part to make it possible to continue in the school eight free girls whose supporters are no longer in the land of the living. When the choice had to be made between a matron or eight girls in school, we felt compelled to choose the girls, though we knew Miss Milne's going meant much added work for your missionaries. We have saved money, but are not sure but that we have wasted mission energy.

In the Autumn Miss Peebles came to take Miss McVey's place and is doing very good work. To make up for Miss Whiteside's absence the Association loaned us Miss Sadie Thompson for two months, hoping Miss Whiteside would be able to return. Entertaining the same hope it has loaned us Miss Downie for two and one-half months. These two young ladies have proved themselves invaluable help.

Word has come that Miss Whiteside cannot return this year so Association will probably have again to make temporary arrangements.

All these changes have had their effect upon the school and though in each case the work has gone forward, yet always at a disadvantage, since such changes and so many at once are bound to result in loss. Yet on the whole we are pleased with the year's work.

Five girls graduated this commencement and one has already begun teaching in a neighboring town. Three of the five have joined the church during their stay in the school. The other two belong to strong Coptic families.

During the first half of 1915 war conditions made our list of boarders the shortest in years. But last Autumn things brightened up and of the fourteen new boarders almost all pay in full.

You ask our aim in our work. It is always to lay in the training of our girls the foundation for devoted Christian womanhood and motherhood. We were able in the first half of the year to make more direct effort to accomplish our aim, but in the second half we, of necessity, seem to have been taken up more with "serving of tables."

Yet we feel justified in saying that 1915 has been a successful year; educationally because our girls have made steady progress in their studies, five finishing the course and evangelistically, because many of the girls have learned the joy of telling the "Old, old story" to others. Before the number in leaders was depleted there were seven regular places a week where missionaries, teachers or girls held meetings. The second half of the year only two of the places have been visited. One of these is a large Moslem household in Karnak where live about twenty women and where five or six of the men always listen to the Gospel messages.

Among our graduates of six years ago was a fine Christian girl who has been a faithful teacher with us ever since. But at the close of the year she left to teach in our school in the Sudan where we feel she will be a bright light for Jesus.

REPORTS OF SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S BOARD IN ALEXANDRIA.

KAFR ASHERIE.

A year ago last August, a Mohammedan school was opened near our mission school in Kafr Asherie. As school was closed for the summer vacation, quite a number of our Mohammedan children started to this Mohammedan school. However, when our school opened, all but nine of our children returned to us. This fall, the Sheikh of the Mohammedan school sent word around through the district that there would be no tuition charged in his school. In spite of that fact, and that they would be charged tuition at our school, every one of our Mohammedan children continued on at our school! It was more than we had dared to hope for. How many times God blesses us exceeding abundantly above that which we ask.

Each Thursday the teachers gather together for a time of prayer for the girls of the school, for the evangelistic meetings, and for the house to house visiting. At the beginning of this year the names of the five Mohammedan girls in the highest class were put on our prayer list. Three of them have moved away, but our prayers still follow them. The other two are sisters and both of them have, this fall, been taking part in the weekly meetings for women, which the older girls of the school also attend. At the close of the meetings there is a time for prayer, in which the women and girls are urged to take part. At the meeting three weeks ago, the older one of these sisters prayed, "O Lord, I am a sinner, help me not to tell lies." These two girls have two younger sisters. Their mother died last Spring, and the father was willing to put them in a boarding school, but was not willing that they leave Alexandria. He talked of putting them in the French Boarding School, but so far has not done so.

At Christmas time the children always try to help some one less fortunate than themselves. Last year they brought their millemes and piasters and material was bought and three dresses made for Miss Smith's orphanage in Cairo. This year, when they were asked whom they should make happy this Christmas, they said with one accord, "The poor refugees." One of the camps for Syrian refugees is not far from our school and the children talk every day of them. The sight of these poor, wretched, forlorn refugees would indeed melt a heart of stone. Se we bought ten okes of rice with the money the children brought, and that, with some tea and bread, were taken to the camp the Thursday before Christmas.

KARMOUS SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Several reasons for thanksgiving appear as we look back over the work of the past months. There has been an increase of fifty per cent. in attendance; and parents are coming to realize more, too, that regularity in attendance counts best for the child's welfare in school.

But better than this, the girls seem to have more of a desire for spiritual things. They want to read and study the Bible; they want to learn that they may teach in their homes. Not infrequently some mother says to the Bible woman, "Azeza told me that story," or "Yes, Miriam taught me to pray, "Our Father.'"

Prayer circles have been formed among the older girls and Mohammedan and Copt pray together in the name of Christ.

A greater spirit of helpfulness and thoughtfulness for others has developed. This is manifest in many ways every day, but was especially shown at the

Christmas season when the girls brought their offerings of food or money for the poor.

None of the girls have taken the definite step for Christ this year, yet we feel that some of them are not far from the Kingdom.

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL.

In looking back over the past year's work we can surely say truly the Lord has blessed us whereof we are glad. From the beginning to the end of the year the Lord has showered blessings upon us and led us in paths which we knew not of.

In June a class of ten was graduated from our school. Of these two are teachers in our own school, two in Coptic schools, one in another of our schools, two in French Schools and one is studying in the French School.

It was at the opening of this school year that we felt deeply the loss of our dear friend and wise counsellor, Dr. Finney, who was taken from us at the close of our school year, in June. The education and advance of the girls of Egypt always held a large place in his thoughts.

The attendance in September averaged about the same as October in other years and from that on increased until all the rooms, except the junior and senior classes, were full and we had to refuse admittance on account of no space. The monthly enrollment reached 180.

Miss Grace McCreary of New Concord, Ohio, is the only American teacher added to our staff. Her coming has been a great blessing to the school in countless ways. We have been fortunate in securing Miss Kirby, Music teacher of the Scotch school to take up this part of the work. This department, too, has grown, having more music pupils than we ever have had.

On account of German schools being closed, many European girls came in for English, French and Piano. This has necessitated taking on our French teacher for all day so as to help out with English. Many of these new girls know very little English and so could not enter the two advanced Bible classes. This young teacher is teaching them Bible in English during the week and on Sabbath gives the lesson in French. She herself is an Italian Jewess, but is a believer in the Messiah. When the subject to be taught came up one of the other teachers, a Jewess, exclaimed, "Why not have her teach the miracles of Christ?" So that is what the special Bible class is studying according to Dr. White's outline. Already they seem deeply interested, although at first one refused to get a Bible.

The crowning event of the year has been the observance of the White Gift Christmas. It is easy enough to get Eastern girls to emphasize the substance idea, but of Self and Service it is far more difficult. Our hearts were overjoyed, however, when the first white envelope was quietly handed to the Superintendent and in it a little note on which was boldly written in English, "I promise to give my heart to my Lord Jesus." Many other gifts of Self and Service were received. Among those who brought the white gifts, a tiny Moslem girl in the kindergarten was the first. She brought a big lump of sugar. Enough of rice, sugar and flour was brought to send to fourteen needy families. One little girl brought white goods for a nice warm dress.

One room gathered old clothes for the Armenian refugees at Port Said and the Senior Missionary Society sent them

four dollars from their year's offering. Two rooms remembered the wounded soldiers in our midst. One of them sent five dozen white handkerchiefs to a Convalescent Home, the other made and sent 63 Christmas stockings filled with sweets to a hospital just near us. As the different years presented their offerings on the platform, they gave a verse of Scripture or told for whom the presents were intended. It was quite amusing to see two little girls lugging out a big basket of rice for the Armenian refugees.

Although at first the girls were disappointed there was to be no real entertainment, they all came to realize that the best way to keep the King's birthday is in making others glad.

Girls' Central School.

Teachers, Protestants	4
Teachers, Others	9
Total	13
Enrollment, Boys	19
Enrollment, Girls	229
Total	248

Fees	B.	G.
Full	4	41
Free	4	48
Part	11	140
Total	19	229

Religions	B.	G.
Protestants	4	22
Copts	1	70
Moslems	3	13
Others	11	124
Total	19	229

Nationality	B.	G.
Egyptians	5	100
Others	14	129
Total	19	229

Receipts.

Tuitions, pounds English	361.295
Board, pounds English	25.440
Gifts, pounds English	92.699
Mis. Treas., pounds English	326.006
	805.440

Expenses.

Teachers, pounds English	616.975
Board, pounds English	24.940
Miscellaneous, pounds English	163.525
	805.440

GIRLS' BOARING SCHOOL, TANTA.

The year 1915 has been one of steady routine effort. The enrollment was practically that of last year, but the receipts were somewhat greater. The boarding department has been about full all of the time. We have been much gratified by the regularity of attendance which has been better than in former years.

During the month of April, a week of special evangelistic meetings was held in the school. The interest manifested by the girls brought us great joy. At least two-thirds of them signified their desire to belong to Christ. Among this number were four Mohammedan girls. One of the graduating class united with the church. Another was anxious to do so, but was prevented by the determined opposition of her mother. At the time of the meetings three of the teachers who had not been on friendly terms were led to make up their differences and since then peace and harmony have reigned among us.

During December a similar series of meetings was held which we trust will be of blessing throughout the new year. At the same time meetings were going on in the church and two others of our graduates signed cards surrendering themselves to Christ.

One of our graduates, two of the sixth-year girls, and one of the teachers of our school, have acted as Miss Baird's staff of teachers in the Sabbath School opened up in Kafr Aly Agha.

The teachers have all helped in the weekly women's prayer meeting of the church as leaders.

The program of our graduating exercises the last of June was given almost entirely by the five members of the class and was as simple as we could plan it. At its close the representative of the Governor and the Director of Education in this province each gave appreciative talks.

In March the school enjoyed a brief visit from the Minister of Education who is one of the members of the Sultan's Cabinet. He was visiting the schools of Tanta and we felt honored to be included in the number of those that he visited. He was accompanied by his British advisor, a Dr. Dunlop, the Governor of our province, the Director of Education of this province, and several other lesser notables. We did our best to make his visit to our school a happy one and he expressed his pleasure at all that he saw and heard.

We are so grateful to God for the measure of success with which He has crowned our efforts. True, not every child has made a remarkable record in her school work, nor has every child made a public confession of surrender to Christ, but the work of the Holy Spirit is going on in the hearts of the girls and they are making progress in their lessons. So it is with grateful hearts that we begin the new year with confident expectation that Christ will enable us to make it a year lived to His glory and to the eternal good of those whom He sends us.

ZAGAZIG, EGYPT.

The past year's work in the Central Girls' School in Zagazig has brought little of the unusual or spectacular to record. The school has been full especially in the lower grades and even in the higher classes, only a few more girls could be accommodated in the space we have at our disposal. Perhaps the unusually large attendance during the latter half of the year was due in part to the advertising we secured through the entertainment and exhibit of work held last spring on the occasion of the graduation of a class of five girls. Many, at that time, were heard to express their purpose to send their girls to us.

Our aim this year has been to make the teaching, both secular and spiritual more intensive. And, while any success is only such in a measure we feel that we have made progress. I mark our educational progress by a few "straws" which show "which way the wind blows." First, patrons who happen in to inform us that their daughters have learned nothing are beautifully scarce. Second, the better application of the pupils to lessons, and consequent decreasing naughtiness leads me to believe that they have an increasing comprehension of why they are at school.

On the evangelistic side, I can only say that the girls are more interested in their weekly prayer meeting, are attending Sabbath School in largely increased numbers, and are seemingly beginning to see themselves sinners. This last is, to me, a hopeful sign, as they have changed almost completely in this respect. Only two or three years ago, it was rare to find a girl who would acknowledge that she ever did wrong.

So, we cannot say that we have "already attained" but are "pressing forward," praying that, by the power of His Spirit, the day of our harvest may soon come.

KAFR-EL-HUKAMA SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. ZAGAZIG.

One year ago last August, the teacher of our Kafr-el-Hukama School was married and the circumstances at that time made it impossible to replace her.

The pupils all scattered, some entering Moslem schools, but the majority of them came into our Central School.

After a silence of about nine months we opened the school with a young, inexperienced girl for a teacher, and the work is certainly of a primary nature. But we have enrolled 43 pupils and we feel that these are about all that we are able to care for with our present accommodations. Our objective was to do the best that we could and to make the most of our opportunities, which we have done, I think. Our school is a small one, but we think it a success.

First. It has grown as fast as we were able to care for its growth.

Second. Because the returns are so good for the amount of money, time and strength that we spend upon it.

From an evangelistic point of view also, I call it a success for outside of the religious teaching in the school the Sabbath School has been well attended ever since the school opened as has the women's prayer meeting on Friday afternoons.

Reports of Schools Not Supported by the Women's Board, but Are Superintended by Missionaries Supported by the Women's Board.

PRESSLY MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

Many variations have come into our work at the Pressly Memorial Institute during the past year, the most important and the most joyous of which was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the school. It was in itself a happy occasion and has been the means of drawing old students into closer fellowship with one another and into nearer relations with the school. It has encouraged us greatly for it has shown us what God has been doing for Egypt through the school. And it has made us realize as never before what the sending out of a handful of light bearers each year means to this dark land. This, with the Jubilee celebration of the College were the two important events of the year in Assiut.

Miss McKown, the beloved mother of the school, is quoted as saying, "After twenty-six years of mission experience, I am convinced that the gathering of young girls into schools and giving them Christian training is one of the most effective methods of evangelizing the country. For the poor mothers we can do comparatively little, their habits and modes of thought are so fixed, and they are so bound by the customs of ages." We are seeking to live up to her ambition to make the school a "training school."

After carefully considering how we could best show the girls that we consider the house work no side issue in their training, but rather one of the first things that the school stands for, we hit on the plan of giving credits for house work and the experience of the year has shown it to be a most excellent plan.

Another of our aims during the past year has been to unite the entire staff into a more complete whole in spirit and in service. It is a great joy to be able to share so widely the joys and the responsibilities of the service and to feel that each member of the teaching staff may rightly be described as one "called out" and one who realizes her high calling.

Miss Stella Robertson and her mother, who gave five years of service, and Miss Stella Thompson, left us in May. They had done most excellent work and their going was regretted by all.

The school has been full in spite of

the hard times. We usually have large classes in our primary department, but seldom have the classes from the first to the fifth years been as full as they now are. Our present sixth-year numbers eighteen pupils, which promises well for the graduating class of 1918. An effort has been made to bring the middle and upper classes to a higher grade of scholarship. We have strengthened especially, along the lines of English and Science and have graded more closely than formerly. A class of seven girls received their diplomas in December. They were noted not only for high scholarship, but for the spirit of love and helpfulness. They all paid their way through school except one, who is now teaching in our girls' school in Monsura. Another of the girls is giving half a day of voluntary teaching to her Alma Mater. Two others have asked for the same privilege, for privilege they certainly count it.

As to the success of the work evangelistically, the year has been a good one, but we realize that we are yet far from having attained. The work of the Volunteer Band has gone on steadily, and twenty-five different circles are ministered to every Sabbath, and are the subject of the prayers of these little "preachers" throughout the week. Miss Rena Hogg's training class for the Volunteers has been a great help and inspiration. The Christian Endeavor and Missionary Societies have been marked by activity throughout the year. After our last temperance meeting about one hundred girls signed the pledge. Twenty-five girls united with the church during the year. One of these, when asked if they had family prayers in her home said, "No, but I told them last night that we ought to pray at table and I mean to do so every time."

KHAYYATT GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Khayyatt School has been contending with considerable competition. Two years ago its terms of entrance for all new pupils were made more severe. The Coptic Girls' School has since lowered its rates and has this year used every means in its power to win away our pupils. The result has been a drop in numbers.

It has always been impossible in the absence of a play ground to give any class an hour of recess without disturbing all the rest, and that being so we find 230 pupils as many as can be profitably managed by our eleven teachers, dear to us.

Miss Williams' sudden home going in the early spring was a trial to all conserned as she was dearly loved by teachers and pupils alike. Her place was left vacant till the beginning of November when Miss Sadie Thompson was sent to us, and she has now for two months been taking her share in the superintendence of the school as well as in other work in the town, for which we are more grateful than we can say.

God's Spirit has been very patient with us and it has been a year of real blessing. Voluntary prayer meetings have been popular and the spirit of some of the classes has been a real joy to all their teachers.

At the close of the first term eleven girls joined the church. We had never had so large a number and I think never so joyous a band of communicants as those. Before going to church on the Communion Sabbath, at the time of the Sabbath School review, they were invited to tell simply in their own words what vows they meant to make before the Lord. They did this very frankly and sweetly and it did us all good, children and teachers alike.

At the close of the second term seventeen other girls asked to be allowed to take the same step. It was a great pleasure to get into touch with them and get a glimpse of life through their eyes. May we all be given grace and wisdom to train them for the Kingdom!

The senior classes are taking an interest in evangelistic work. Some help in a weekly house meeting, while a large band of girls invade the hospital wards every Wednesday after school hours. There they scatter and there follows at each bed side a little lesson from very youthful lips and a quiet prayer, after which all gather in the center of the ward and sing.

Their desire to serve takes also a more work-a-day form and once in three weeks they get a lesson in bandaging and kindred arts, and sometimes they spend an hour in mending the patients' clothes.

The Khayyatt School differs from our other mission schools in that while managed by the mission it is financed by the Khayyatts—the family who welcomed and entertained the missionaries on their arrival in Assiut in 1865. The family was this year bereaved of its head, Busta Bey Khayyatt, after a long and painful illness, and the whole community shared a sense of loss. He was a gentle, kindly, honorable man, respected and beloved, one of the few wealthy men whom riches had not spoiled. The family continue their interest in the school and we hope that Mr. Ameen Khayyatt, the young head of the house, will share in that interest.

FAGGALA SCHOOL.

Total Enrollment	390
Average Attendance	203
Teachers	8
Moslem Children	32
Free Pupils	109

There has been difficulty in collecting tuition fees during the year, owing partly to hard times and partly because the neighboring Coptic Girls' Schools tried to turn away many of their free girls to make their schools cost less.

At the end of the year there was a public entertainment given in connection with the school and Sabbath School. This year the church in Faggala furnished the money for the books given as prizes for attendance at the Sabbath School.

My principal work is supposed to be with the Bible women and meetings. Our school is a primary one and its aim is to bring the children to a knowledge of Christ through the religious instruction given while they are learning to read, or as they study other things. We prepare the girls for our two higher schools in Cairo.

The girls take an interest in their Bible lessons, and their Christian Endeavor Societies. The temperance society is still continued and the missionary society. The contributions were $25 and were nearly all given to our Girls' Orphanage, and the Thank-Offering was $23 which was given for Synod's work.

HARET ES SAKKAIN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Teachers: Protestants, 3; Others, 3; Total, 6. Enrollment of Pupils: Total for the year, 170; Boarders, Day Pupils, 170. Religion: Protestants, 5; Copts, 127; Moslems, 38; Others, 0. Nationality: Egyptian, 170; Others, 0. Receipts: Tuition, pounds English, 70.080; Total Fees, pounds English, 70.080. Mission Treasury, pounds English, 194.680. Expenditures: Instruction, Repairs, Incidentals, etc., pounds English, 18.110; Total, pounds English, 264.760, or one thousand three hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty cents.

This past year has been one of ups and downs for our school in this district of Cairo. As many of our patrons are poor people, we soon began to feel the effects of the war. Girls were kept out of school, unless we admitted them free or nearly so. So for these reasons, our receipts of tuitions are considerably lower than last year.

Another feature this year has been the active opposition of the Copts, stirred up by one of our graduates and her sister entering our Girls' College, and by one of our third-year girls, a Copt, who declared she wanted to be a Protestant. This girl after trying two other schools, was engaged to be married early in the new year, although she is only thirteen years of age. This opposition was the cause of our losing in September a number of pupils, including several from our higher classes who had received all their education in our school.

In June we gave certificates to a nice class of six girls, of whom three were Moslems, two Copts and one a Protestant. Two of these Moslem girls asked for baptism early in the year, but as they were not of age, their request was not granted. The three were anxious to return as teachers, but we could not. So they finally found work in a Moslem school. They seemed to be doing very well until the director of the school found one of them reading her Bible. He was so angry he dismissed her on the spot.

I feel that the Haret es Sakkain School has been far from being a failure either educationally or evangelistically. The girls made good progress in their studies and I am glad to be able to say the Bible lesson is the most loved lesson by most of the girls. The requests for baptism indicate that the Word has been received into some hearts. May the Lord bless and keep all those whose hearts have been touched.

KALALI SCHOOL, CAIRO.

Total Enrollment	362
Average daily attendance	258
Protestants	26
Moslems	36
Copts	300

Last year we made our school examinations more strict than usual and several girls left because we refused to promote them, but it seems to have resulted in giving the school a better reputation.

A good many schools have been started in our district and, no doubt, there has been an effort made to draw away those of our pupils who pay tuitions, but we have endeavored to make our school so good that no girl would be willing to leave.

The majority of our girls are from Coptic homes and their parents and priests would bitterly oppose them becoming Protestants, but it has been good to see a deepening of spiritual life in many of them. It has been good to see them so interested in the daily Bible lessons, the prayer meetings, the temperance and missionary societies, and in the Sabbath School interested in helping.

In connection with our December missionary meeting, we took up a special offering of money and grain for the Orphanage. Each child brought a little rice, or wheat, or lentils, or beans and when it was all collected into bags and weighed, we were surprised to find that it amounted to three hundred and forty-one pounds of grain. There was about thirty dollars in money also.

CAIRO DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL ESBEKIAH.

We are glad to be able to report a very prosperous and encouraging year of work. We have had a large school and this fall were even obliged to refuse girls for lack of room in the Boarding and

also in the English Department of the school.

When numbers are so large we do not always feel that the most is done for every individual little one, but the older girls in the Boarding School helped the teachers greatly in securing a good, faithful spirit in the home.

Religious work we have tried to put first place in the school. Bible study, prayer meetings, missionary societies, prayer circles among some of the higher classes have all been a vital part of the school life.

Some results which might be mentioned are, a desire on the part of older girls to help in definite work; one of the girls of the seventh-year has taken a class in the Sabbath School opened in a Moslem quarter of the city, which is held on Sabbath afternoons.

Their gifts for religious work have been generous. Something over two hundred and fifty dollars. They were all so glad to help in making wash clothes and other little things to send to the hospitals for the soldiers, when such things were needed last year so much.

Forty dollars were given at one missionary meeting for aid to the Armenian refugees at Port Said. Other things might be mentioned.

A class of ten girls was graduated in December. All are good Christian girls. Seven made their profession in Christ Jesus as Saviour while in the school, the last to do so at our last communion service was a Greek girl, who had no help, but definite opposition from those in her home. She believes that she has been saved for the sake of her younger brothers and sister and already feels a great burden for them.

Four of this class of girls were members of the boarding school—three for seven years and so they found it very hard to leave their home.

One of these girls goes back to a village where she will be the only educated girl for miles around her and she has earnestly asked for our prayers, that she may not be cast down by her surroundings, but that she may be made a blessing to many of the women and girls around her, as she has, we believe, already been to some there.

Our junior class, now taking the senior places numbers nineteen and promises to be our best class.

SHORT REPORT OF THE COLLEGE YEAR, 1915-1916.

The year started with the war cloud still black above us. The people frightened and anxious, kept their children at home or sent them to the village farm houses, where they thought they would be safe. But gradually while the cloud did not lift, people became accustomed to the shadow and business went on as usual. Money that was hidden away came to the light—fear fled away—and when the Autumn term of school opened, we were almost as full as we have ever been.

It was a pleasure to see class rooms and chapel filling up. The assembly room soon became so crowded that a second room had to be opened for chapel for the primary department and this department reached its limit by the middle of the term and we had to refuse pupils because of lack of room. We were not, however, crowded in the preparatory nor college departments.

Our lack of faith caused us to start the year with an insufficient staff of teachers in the musical department. The college has suffered a severe loss along this line. Our music department has always been kept up to a high stand-

ard and it was sad to see it slowly but surely going down because of lack of teachers.

Our graduating class of the year was the largest since the college opened. It numbered seventeen in all; six from the college department and eleven from the preparatory. Two of those taking their diplomas from the college department were real Egyptians. It is the first time an Egyptian has completed the college course. Others have been Syrian, or Armenian, or Greek, or mixed nationalities; but it is with real pleasure and pride we give the college diploma to those who are the descendants of the Pharoehs.

The college might well be called the melting pot, for into it we pour Persian, Egyptian, Turkish, English, French, Greek, Russian, Spanish, Romanian, Bulgarian, Armenian, Syrian, Italian, Swiss, Arabian nationalities and Jewish, Mohammedan, Coptic, Protestant, Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, Maronite, Bahaist religions with all their various branches and divisions, and from all this mixture we turn out, or we always hope to turn out the happy, healthy, Christian college girl. All these nationalities and religions meet together in one room for prayer and to listen to the simple sweet gospel story.

The aim of the school in keeping the unity of the family unbroken has been realized this year when in spite of the war, Turkish, Mohammedan and Egyptian Christian girls have kept their strong friendships for each other.

Some of the girls have declared themselves on the Lord's side and three united with the church; but what shall we say of those who have not been able to openly profess their faith in Christ as their Savior? One of the older Mohammedan girls who is now in the senior class had a severe cold and went home for two days. As she was leaving to go to her home I noticed the books she was taking with her for her use and study while she would be recovering from her cold. She had a pretty copy of "The Daily Light," a copy of "Abide in Christ"—her New Testament, and a copy of "Genesis to Ruth," and her "Moral Philosophy." How many Christian school girls in the home-land would have been careful to take all these spiritual helps with her when she went home for a day or two from college?

The girls of the college have given liberally toward the relief of the Armenian refugees, and besides their gifts of clothing for the orphans they gave $50.00 as their Christmas gift to the Orphanage. Their annual Thank-Offering was not quite so large as usual but when one considers the difficult year it compared very favorably with what they have given before.

The chapel which is so much needed is still not built and the land we so much desire is still unbought, but we are glad that there is a strong prayer band in the home-land who remember us daily.

A generous gift to the college from our dear friend of the Luxor School, Miss Bruce of Edinburgh.

THE MANSOURA SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The Mansoura School for Girls for the year 1915 has been without the superintendence of a lady missionary. Mr. Baird has, however, for the greater part of the year given it much valuable oversight, and the school has been kept well up to its former efficiency. Miss Bell left the school exceedingly well organized which made it fairly easy to manage during her absence.

The teachers have been faithful and careful in their work and the spirit of the school has been excellent.

The greatest drawback to this school that I can see during the short time that I have been looking after it is the fact that it is housed in such poor quarters. In these days when Women's Work is opening up so wonderfully, it looks as though every ordinary facility ought to be provided which paltry dollars could provide to aid in the great work of giving the gospel to the girls and women of Egypt.

Four out of the six teachers are graduates from the Mansoura school, having finished the six years' course of study prescribed for the school by the Educational Board.

There should be eight teachers instead of six in order to provide for the two years of the primary department which are preparatory to the first of the six years' course. In order to help meet this deficiency, we have taken on a this year's graduate from the Pressley Memorial Institute (Assiut Girls' Boarding School), a Mansoura girl, the daughter of Abd-el-Messiah Mekhiel, a convert from Islam. He was a very poor man, but as soon as he and his children were baptized, he asked the missionaries to make it possible for him to give his children a Christian education. His two daughters were sent to the Pressley Memorial Institute and have been kept in that institution by the aid of scholarships which some good women in America gave, and now they are both serving the Mission as well trained teachers. Those of us who were present in the Alexandria church years ago when these young girls were baptized with the rest of this Moslem family, cannot but rejoice when we now see them entering into active service for Christ and His Kingdom.

HARIM WORK OR WORK AMONG WOMEN.

The Committee on Women's Work.

The Committee on Women's Work consists of six members. It is to act as an aid to the Evangelistic Board in such matters as relate particularly to the conduct of Evangelistic Work among women and girls, through the employment, organization and direction of Bible women, Special Conferences for American and Egyptian workers, and the organization, encouragement, and inspiration of Women's Missionary Societies.

The six members of this Standing Committee are: Miss Hogg, Miss Paden, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Philips, Mrs. Henry, and Miss M. Finney.

Our lamented Mrs. Pollock was a member of this Committee at the time when she was taken from us. The prominence of Christ and prayer in her daily life, her passion for souls, her deep insight into things spiritual, her consciousness of the hold that Satan had on these poor women in Egypt, made her a tower of strength on a Committee such as this. We miss her at every turn, but we know that God had something better in store for her.

We wish to mention some of the things which the Committee on Women's Work has put through in order to further develop the work for women in Egypt. First and most worthy of mention is the Annual Bible School and Conference for Bible Women which meets for five days along about the end of December.

The Annual Bible School and Conference for Bible Women, Financed by Women's Board.

This was the fifth year. The theme was "Jesus Only," "That in all things He might have the pre-eminence." A special feature of the Conference this year was Bible study circles, everybody

studying in unison, although in separate groups or classes the Epistle to the Ephesians in which the oneness of Christ is so very prominent. There were ten circles and the leaders were: Miss A. Y. Thompson, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Philips, Miss Teas, Miss Sadie Thompson, and Miss Finney. The success of the effort was signaled by the groups of diligent women sitting around under trees at the "in-between-times" studying the Epistle to the Ephesians.

We all had gone up to the Conference feeling that there was a rich blessing in store for us. But some way along about the second day it began to be felt that the blessing was being withheld. There was good feeling and a plenty of good cheer, even to lightness not especially suitable to the occasion. This condition became a very real burden to many of the missionaries and there was some very real heart searching done. The Spirit made us realize that with such a subject, "Jesus Only," there was sure to be Satanic opposition. We were put on the alert and driven to our knees. Saturday evening, Sabbath afternoon and evening the prayer room was our haven. Sabbath afternoon when Rev. Reed led us to see the "Risen Christ" and Sabbath evening when Rev. Abdulla, a convert from Islam led us to see "Him Crowned with many Crowns," then afterwards in the prayer room where there was much confession made, we truly felt that the power of Satan had been broken and we all departed to our various homes feeling that, indeed, we had seen Christ, and the Victory was ours.

God grant that those 100 women of us who mingled those five days in Conference, prayer, and Bible study may have victory in our lives all along the way throughout the year. As Miss Hogg says in her contribution to this report, "Each Annual Conference sends the Bible women back to their work with a keener realization of the heighth of their calling and the worth of human souls, and we believe with a stronger love for their Master and a firmer resolve to prove faithful to Him even in that which is least."

Missionary Prayer Groups.

The Committee on Women's Work, realizing the place that united prayer must have in this work we are undertaking, has planned for this by asking that the missionary women in the various stations and districts so group themselves and meet at stated times for special prayer and conference about the great work for women in Egypt. We wished that these meetings might be as often as once a month, but pressure of work has thus far hindered this, and there is a hesitency about multiplying meetings. Wherever there is Local Group Prayer Conferences for missionary women have been held, the reports have been that there was blessing, deepened power, and more closely welded unity, because of a better understanding of each others problems and difficulties.

Bible Schools.

Another thing the Committee on Women's Work recommended to various Superintendents of Work among Women was Local Conferences or as they are called in our Mission in India "Bible Schools" for the Bible Women several times during the year so as to keep alive and in good working order the enthusiasm engendered by the Annual Conference.

For some time there has been an effort of this sort in Cairo for the Bible Women. It takes the form of a monthly Bible Class and is led by Dr. Hunt or by one of the older missionaries.

In Tanta for three days in October the Bible women of Tanta and the surrounding district meet for Bible study. We were at it for five hours each day. Fifteen hours together seated around a big table, with our Bibles before us made an impression—at least it did on the leader. We took up "Testimony" in the Gospel of John, following Dr. W. W. White's method. We are expecting to have another turn at it again this Spring, and it is the plan to take up "Belief and Unbelief" in the Gospel of John. Our great difficulty in Tanta is to get a place to meet. We have no place, even, where we can put up the Bible women over night, the ones who come in from the villages.

After the closing of the school in Zagazig, Mrs. Hart took her little Training Class in some special studies for a week, studies in the Catechism, and Bible studies, then the week following with the assistance of Miss Teas and Miss Barnes they had some Bible Studies for all the Bible Women from both Zagazig and Benha. Each forenoon was given to Bible study and in the afternoon there were special meetings for women to which women from outside were invited, then in the evening there was a preaching service. One of the girls in the Training Class is to graduate from the class this Spring. This is the first graduate from the Training School. Mrs. Hart gives much of her time to the spiritual training of these girls. It is her hope that they will go back to their villages as teachers of women. There are many villages in that large district needing workers, and the quickest way to get them seemed to be to take young girls and train them up for the work.

Luxor also fell in with the plan and had a Day of Prayer and Bible Study Conference with the Bible women of Luxor and the District. Mrs. Philips gives an interesting account of it in the Foreign Missionary Correspondence of the August, 1915, Missionary Magazine. I wish there were time to reproduce the whole account of it in this report. Such subjects as the "Fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our Work," "Bible Women as a Help to the Pastor," "The Bible Woman as a Soul Winner," "Our Responsibility to Our Moslem Sisters," "An Open Conference on Encouragements and Discouragements," "Practical Suggestions for Bible Women," all go to show that they must have had a feast of good things.

The special and regular "Studies" which Miss Hogg gives weekly to the "Volunteer Band" of the Girls' Boarding School in Assiut comes under the head of "Local Bible Schools and Conferences." She follows the method of giving the "Volunteer Band" a special Bible lesson with directions of how to teach it to a group of women. At the next "house meeting" which each member of the Band is supposed to hold, she teaches the lesson she learned with Miss Hogg. Some valuable work is being done in training up some future Bible women. I had one of these girls, a member of this "Volunteer Band" as a helper in Tanta for two months in the summer and she did some good work. One of the days we were out together, I had her give the lesson in the house we visited. She used the 51st Psalm. I was much pleased with the way she presented it—short, concise, and to the point.

Time spent in training our Bible women for better work is surely time well spent. The Committee on "Women's Work" has in vain tried to induce Miss Hogg to give us all the benefit of her valuable experience in teaching workers by publishing her "Studies"

which she has prepared for the "Volunteer Band." We need just such a book as a guide for all the Bible women. The Bible women themselves are asking for something of the sort. The missionary ladies who have not had such a very wide experience in directing Bible women are crying out for something of the sort as a safe guide.

The "Women's Work" Page in El-Huda.

Another step which the Committee on Women's Work has taken is to start a page in El-Huda, our Church paper in Egypt, to furnish suitable reading matter for all the women in Egypt who are interested in Christian work. There has long been a need for some source of supply of material suitable for use in women's meetings, especially for the programs in the Missionary Society meetings. The idea of the Committee is to get the women of our Church in Egypt awake to the things that are going on in other parts of the world in Christian work. This page is in the hands of Miss Paden, and everybody has been asked to lend her a helping hand by sending her anything which would be suitable. I have heard many favorable comments on the effort, and that many pastors welcome it as an aid in their congregational work among the women.

Regular Meetings for Women.

Meetings especially for women are conducted by most of the pastors in the congregational work all up and down the Valley of the Nile. These have been well described in former "Harim Reports" so we will not take the time for them now, except to say they are a very important feature of the pastoral work, especially in the Upper Country.

The Women's Missionary Societies are also a part of the congregational work. There are twenty-three of these in all. Four in Thebes Presbytery, two in Assiut Presbytery, two in Middle Egypt Presbytery, and fifteen in Delta Presbytery. These Societies all have their regular monthly meetings. It is for these monthly meetings that the "Women's Page" in El-Huda is intended as a help. These Missionary Societies gather money which is supposed to be distributed for the work of the church as directed by the Synod of the Nile. They also gather an annual Thank-Offering every Spring, but as it is generally too late to be reported in a complete form to the Thank-Offering Secretary in America as to reach the May Convention, it is the desire of the Committee on Women's Work that this Thank-Offering shall be the one reported the year following. In addition to the twenty-three Women's Missionary Societies there are seventeen Junior and Young Women's Societies, making a total of forty. The Thank-Offering contributed by the Women's, Young Women's and Juniors was $955.70.

The "house meeting" is another kind of meeting for women, a regular adjunct of the Bible women and is held in the houses of women, wherever a group of women can be regularly gathered together. Sometimes there is a stated place to hold a meeting of this type, and sometimes it takes the form of a "cottage prayer meeting" in a neighborhood going around from house to house in turn. There are sixty-one of these in all Egypt, besides the thirty conducted by the Volunteer Band in Assiut.

Mrs. Finney tells about some of their interesting meetings in Alexandria: Everywhere, even among Moslems, there is an eagerness to learn which we trust will result in many turning to God. This increased interest has been especially apparent in the Karmous district. The women's meeting, which is held in a

private house under the shadow of Pompey's Pillar, has kept up marvelously well all year, sometimes as many as fifty women being present, besides the numerous children.

Blind Khlil leads the meetings, speaking in the very simplest Arabic, while the Bible woman reads the Scripture and "lines out" the Psalms for him. She also takes the meeting when necessary and is most faithful in urging her pupils to attend. The large attendance is due to her efforts. It is most gratifying to note the change which has taken place in these women. A few years ago, only one, or possibly two of them knew anything about the Christian life, while the majority sat through the meetings with blank faces and paying little heed to what was going on, whereas now keen interest is shown all through and many take part, praying and even speaking. A few of them have grown into earnest Christian characters and are desiring communion. One Coptic woman who was the most bigoted of them all a little while ago is the brightest Christian among them and is now waiting and praying that her husband may confess Christ with her. Last Friday the women of this meeting spent the day in fasting and prayer. Some of them did not leave their seats except to sing or pray, from nine o'clock in the morning when the meeting began till five o'clock in the afternoon when it closed. At least two of these had their small babies in their laps the whole of this time. The great number of these women are brought up in the Coptic faith. The Coptic consists of refraining from certain kinds of food such as meat, but eating other kinds as freely as is liked and praying not at all, so that this meeting was an example of what place prayer should have in a time of fasting. We are trusting for rich results in this district from the earnest prayers of these simple women.

The women's meeting in Miss Cabeen's school nearby has also a fine attendance and blind Khlil also holds one in his own house which is attended by from ten to fifteen women. This man is most zealous and faithful, always doing more than is required of him. Last year I told you that he had lost his two little ones inside of a month. This year he is rejoicing in the presence in his home of a little son. When I asked him what was the name of the baby he replied, "I want to call him Mohammed." "Why should you give him a Moslem name?" I said. "I don't believe you will get anyone to baptize him that." His reply was, "If I pray a great deal for the boy he may become a great evangelist to the Mohammedans, and if I name him Mohammed they will know that I love them and care for them and they will be pleased with him because he has this name." It ended in his being named, "Raymond Lull" for the great missionary to the Mohammedans.

In the Tanta district we have had some encouraging meetings. Last summer I went out to a village in the outskirts of the Tanta district, a place rather difficult of access, being some distance off the railroad, thus making necessary a long and tiresome donkey ride. However, I felt repaid. The Bible woman had gathered together all her pupils into the house of one of the church members in the village and we had a rousing meeting. It was an inspiration to me to have the privilege of leading such a meeting. This Bible woman is one who has been richly blessed by the Annual Conference in Assiut, and she is good at passing on the blessing to the women of her village. This year she has had a new vision of her responsibility to the Mohammedans

in her village. Our studies on "Testimony" in the Gospel of John at our little Local Bible School in Tanta has opened her eyes to this responsibility.

I wish time permitted to tell of some of the other village visits I have had the privilege of making this past year, and of the encouraging meetings, and of the wide open doors in nearly all these Delta villages. We are trying to enter them little by little. In order to enter them we are enlisting some volunteer workers. A very encouraging work is being carried on in Kafer Zeyat by Miss Louisa Rasi, one of the teachers in the Tanta Girls' Boarding School. She goes over to this town every Sabbath afternoon and does house to house preaching as well as holding a regular meeting in the school house and often one among the Mohammedan huts. I am exceedingly pleased with her efforts, and hope that the other volunteer workers will fall into line. One of our best meetings is in the Kafr Aly Agha quarter of the city of Tanta. This meeting has been in existence for some time, it being the "house meeting" of one of the Bible women. Miss Baird has been going with the Bible woman regularly to this meeting and has been a great encouragement to her, as well as leading her out into a larger work. Through Miss Baird's energy a house has been rented and it is being used for Children's meetings and men's meetings as well as for two women's meetings a week. The attendance is large and is on the increase, being almost entirely Mohammedan.

Our great need in the Tanta town and district is for a larger number of workers and we trust that we may enlist the interest and prayers of all our friends in our effort to get more workers to enter the many doors opening to us.

Mrs. Work tells of meetings in and about Mansoura. On Friday afternoons the Bible woman and I went together to a Mohammedan suburb. After holding two meetings in a small, poorly ventilated room we asked that we might sit on the street in the shade of the house. A mat was brought and open air meetings were conducted in this place. In this way not only women and children heard the message, but men and boys as well. On Sabbaths immediately after church service, the Bible women and one or two volunteers from the church, went to another village, a suburb where we have a room which we rent for holding meetings. After gathering twenty or thirty women together, one of the workers spoke to them, while another spoke to the children, and the others went to homes where the women were not free to go out. In this way the Word was being preached to at least one hundred souls. Many learned to pray and to repeat Scripture verses.

Miss Teas tells about some of the "house meetings" which the two Bible women hold, both in Benha and in the surrounding villages, which they visit quite frequently. There are six or seven of these villages regularly visited by train as long as the Bible woman, who is rather delicate, was able to do it. The people are eager and long for her visits. The following is a sample of a visit: The weaver leaves his loom and takes her through the town bringing her to his little shop where a piece of the newly woven cloth is spread on the ground for her to sit on. The neighbors are called in for the meetings. Both Mohammedans and Copts are among those who assemble. Sometimes a Mohammedan man comes and manifests great interest and better a good knowledge of the Scriptures, thus testifying to the fact that prejudices are being broken down. There

are also three "house meetings" in Benha.

In Cairo under the superintendence of Miss A. Y. Thompson there are seventeen of these "house meetings." When held? Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Usually in the morning. "Come go with me to such and such a meeting," is Miss Thompson's usual form of greeting to any one who may happen to be a visitor at the Cairo Mission House any morning of the week. It is worth while, too. In fact it is an inspiration to meet with forty women, the number in one of these meetings, or with eighty or more, the number in another of these meetings, or with some of the smaller groups, women in the busy throbing city of Cairo, in the wicked, worldly city of Cairo who have time and the inclination to turn aside in the forenoon of a day which could be so full of other things and meet together for prayer and praise. Some of these meetings are led by one of the pastors, some by Miss Thompson, herself, some by a Bible woman, some by a volunteer worker, such as Mrs. Gindy, or Mrs. Khyyatt, two women of wealth who are earnest Christian workers. In North Cairo there is a meeting for Moslem women conducted by Mrs. Zwemer. In connection with this meeting there is a little school which is used as sort of a drawing card.

Miss Paden, Superintendent of work for women in the Beni Suef district, tells of how one of her Bible women goes out to a fellaheen village every Sabbath to hold a meeting with the women there. She tells of another Bible woman getting a Moslem woman to attend a meeting regularly by putting a Psalm book into her hands; and of a Coptic pupil so desirous that a meeting would be held in her house that she moved into a larger and more expensive house, but more suitable for the "house meeting."

In Assiut district the work among women is superintended by Miss Hogg. In Assiut town there are eleven special meetings for women and in addition to these the little "house meetings" conducted by the volunteer workers, school girls, teachers and women from Assiut. About thirty of these meetings are held weekly and though owing to the impossibility of adequate superintendence, their location has been decided rather by the openness of the door than by the strategic importance of the peculiar spot chosen, more Mohammedans are reached in this way than by any other means. Of about three hundred and fifty hearers, one-third are Moslems. One of the special happenings of 1915 was a series of meetings before and after the Synod's Prayer Conference in October. Mr. Fairman of the North African Mission was the speaker and he was warmly welcomed and greatly liked. The women were distinctly stirred. Other claims made it impossible to follow up the movement with the personal visitation and attention that were so desirable and we cannot, therefore, know how much of a permanent nature was accomplished, but thirty-three for the first time pledged themselves to some form of service either private or public while over twenty more renewed their old pledge or added to it in some way. Some pledged themselves to daily prayer for unconverted friends and neighbors, some to efforts to bring them to church or prayer meetings, or to definite personal work amongst them, while a few undertook to visit the sick of the congregation or look up the absentees.

Mrs. Philips reports that there are eight special meetings in Luxor and

Karnak with rather a large attendance, and three in Kous.

Irregular Meetings.

The funeral in Egypt is one of the places where it is becoming more and more possible to preach the Gospel.

Mrs. Philips, Superintendent of Women's Work in the Luxor district, tells of one of her Bible women that she is able to do much toward getting Christian families to abolish dreadful funeral customs. She goes to read the word and to pray at these funerals, sometimes going to as many as five a day, and one word from her will often quiet the hideous screaming and wailing of a lot of women.

The changing attitude of Christians towards these ancient funeral customs is well told by Miss Hogg. More use has been made this year than before of the opportunities for preaching that are afforded by the large audiences attainable at funerals and mournings. There are gathered in one court Copts, Protestants, and Moslems, many who knowing the Gospel disregard it and many who know it not at all, and when silence has once been secured the people are usually in the mood to listen and more impressionable than in an ordinary meeting. Two of our Bible women are specially welcome on such occasions, as, having greatly suffered, they speak from experience and out of the fulness of their hearts.

One of these, Goota, was bereaved this year of her oldest son after a lingering illness, and as her husband is an ill-natured ne'er-do-well the loss was especially severe. Her resignation was of the sweet positive type so distinctively Christian, and her prayers with those who gathered to console her, together with the sweet expression on her face, were such a sermon as one does not easily forget. Every such triumph of faith and love is a blow to the customs of the past that have crushed out joy and progress from so many a woman's home.

A more public blow was dealt these mourning customs at the death of Busta Bey Khayyat, by the bravery and steadfastness of his widow and daughters who were among our volunteer workers and are loved and admired by all who knew them well. The man was worthy of all honor and the ties that bound him to his family had been peculiarly tender and intimate besides which, as he was the last of his generation in a family of old standing and of enormous wealth, all the rules of society demanded an elaborate and prolonged display. The family had, indeed, in days past been noted for such displays and the most terrible mournings some of us have ever witnessed we have witnessed under their roof. But all has changed and on this occasion, though the temptation was so great, the widow exercised the utmost self-control and self-denial from the time the funeral left the house. The old custom had been to hire a mourner to lead in the wailing. Instead of this a comforter was hired, Bakheeta Salih, one of the Bible women to whom suffering has given a message. The dwelling became a church and the crowds of women who gathered daily, instead of dividing their time between wailing and gossip, sat quietly listening to the reading and preaching of the Word or joining in prayer. At times a deep impression was made and Bakheeta had the feeling that God Himself supplied her with the daily power for the task.

A Meeting in a Prison for Women.

The prison is in Assiut, and the meeting is conducted by Miss Sabeen, one of the Syrian teachers in the Girls' Boarding School. The story of this meeting,

under the title, "A Glimpse Behind the Bars," was written up by Miss McDougal for the Correspondence Department of the September, 1915, Women's Missionary Magazine. It is worth reading. This is the only prison in all Egypt where such work is done for women and it is a very real success. One of the secrets of Miss Sabeen's success is her willingness to stoop down to those with whom she works, and she loves her work. One afternoon Miss Sabeen could hear such dreadful screams and threats, coming from one of the large rooms and before her meeting was finished, the matron sent for her. She found sixteen women engaged in a hand-to-hand fight, some threatening murder on others, and the matron could do nothing with them. Taking a firm grasp of one of the most excited women, she asked her, "Who gave life?" and after the answer, "God," she asked why they should take life. After talking to them for some time, they became more quiet, but all the time tending to restlessness. She told them that she would stay all night; but in unison they protested that she couldn't sleep there; and then she explained, "No, none of us would sleep. We would just sit down here to talk and pray." Needless to say, she did not have to stay, for they saw how intensely earnest she was, and began to realize their wrong, so that it was not long before they were quiet. The Moslems in the prison listen as readily as the Christians, but at first it was difficult for her to get the permission to teach the Moslem women prisoners.

The Mission Hospitals and Work Among Women.

This item belongs, doubtless, to the Medical report, but I cannot refrain from saying something about the splendid possibilities for work among women which are created by both our Mission Hospitals. Lying on beds of sickness in the wards, they are wonderfully ready to hear the words of truth which the Bible reader in the ward gives to them. These same women back in their villages are the ones which give the missionary and the Bible woman the hearty welcome we invariably receive whenever we visit any of the villages where there are former Hospital patients. I have, this past year, had many delightful experiences of this sort, and have come into a new and greater realization of the value of the Mission Hospital in our work for women. Villages here in the Delta, almost entirely Moslem, are ready for us with the wide open doors, just as soon as we have the workers to go to them. Don't blame us if we seem greedy and grasping in our requests for more workers, both missionaries and Bible women.

The "Ibis" and Work Among Women.

In connection with Rev. Reed's work on the Ibis, special meetings have been held for women. Also Mrs. Philips in the Luxor district has done much for the women from the Ibis. I did not succeed in getting a detailed account of this work, but it is surely a wide field for work among village women.

The "Allegheny" and Work Among Women.

Here again, we feel the keen edge of the loss of our dear fellow worker, Mrs. Pollock. She had a wonderful way with the women whom she daily taught in the women's tent pitched on the shore beside the "Allegheny." As has been said of her and her work, "She was of a reticent nature and not inclined to speak of results—hers was a hidden work—but there are women whom she has led to our Lord who will be her crown of rejoicing before Him at His coming."

I had the rare privilege of spending fifteen days last Spring associated with Mrs. Pollock in this work. The forenoon tent work and the afternoon village work to villages within easy walking distance of the "Allegheny" kept us busy enough, oh! the women. Never before did I realize the depths of their needs, the hold superstition has upon the village Moslem women. As one woman said, "I've tried every kind of amulet and have found no help from any of them, so I've thrown them all into the river." I am glad to say that she was one of my most attentive listeners in the evangelistic tent. This evangelistic tent for women in connection with the "Allegheny" and the villages opened up to us by the "Allegheny" present to us one of our best opportunities for work among women in the outlying Delta villages. Miss Teas, in her contribution to this report says: When the "Allegheny" came into the Benha district I spent four happy weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Pollock in the tent and village work.

This Autumn and winter Mrs. Work has been carrying on this work. She has been having the assistance in the work among the women of a young girl from Mansoura, an earnest volunteer worker and I believe there has been much satisfaction.

The Delta Car and Work Among the Women.

One does not have to be long on the "Trail of the Delta Car" without realizing what this means of getting out among the villages is going to mean to the "Work among women." The visiting in the homes is one of the most important parts of the work. Villages never before visited by a missionary have been entered and many "house meetings" held for the women. In one village a little Moslem girl led Mrs. Coventry from house to house, another time when I was with the Coventrys on the trip, a Moslem woman led us around from house to house. The first meeting ever held for women in a certain village was when we visited it on the car. There were seventy-eight women and girls at this meeting and since then we have started a regular work in this village which is costing the mission nothing as the worker is a volunteer. In another village the woman of the house and her brother went out and in ten minutes had gathered in thirty-six women for a meeting. The possibilities are boundless, especially for for work among Moslems and among Moslem women. We long to use every opportunity. Already we have opened up special work for women in three villages as a direct result of work by means of the Car. Read Mr. Coventry's article, "On the Trail of the Delta Car" in the Special Egypt number of the women's Missionary Magazine, and you will have a good idea of these possibilities.

The Bible Women.

There are fifty-five Bible women and eight Bible men (blind men). Seven of the Bible women are blind, but their faces are wonderfully full of light. Blind Shemsa, the Bible woman who reads and explains the Bible in the women's wards of Assiut Hospital, has a wonderfully and beautifully lighted face. Her name means "Sunshine." and her message is the Gospel light of Salvation.

These Bible women are an interesting group. One finds this out by mingling with them those five days of the Bible School and Conference for Bible women in Assiut. The different Superintendents have sent in as contributions to this report many interesting stories, and incidents of work from the lips of the Bible women themselves about their

house to house visits and their personal contact with the women they teach. I should like to reproduce everyone here, but time will not permit.

Not many of the Bible women have much education. Only one is a graduate, and she is a graduate of the Luxor Girls' Boarding School. She has had many offers to become a teacher in a School, but she declines, saying her heart is in the house to house Bible teaching.

Nearly all of the Bible women have a strong personality and wield a wonderful influence for good as they go in and out of homes teaching woman after woman the Word of God and explaining to them one by one. Mrs. Philips says of one in her district: She is one of the saints of the earth. Anyone can tell that by looking into her shining old face. Although she has very poor health she always has a smile. She seems to have a gentle authority that makes people want to do the right thing.

A blind woman employed by Miss Hogg has been much interested in tract distribution. A young man, a Mohammedan, to whom she gave a tract on the Day of Judgment and another on the Coming of Christ, has become an enquirer and is daily in her prayers.

Miss Paden speaks of the tactful yet fearless way a certain Bible woman in her district has of approaching Moslems. Also her scrubbing her own room astonished the people of the house where she lives who are well-to-do. All these little activities of a loved Bible woman has an influence for good over these inert, languid women of the middle class here in Egypt stirring them up to useful activities. This Bible woman makes a "condition in love" with her pupils that they will attend church and last Sabbath there were thirty-two present. She is keen on tract distribution. She goes several times a week to a fallaheen village to speak with Moslem women, a long walk. She, herself, has endured much persecution and the effect has been to develop her own character.

Miss A. Y. Thompson says our Bible women in Cairo are valuable aids to our general evangelistic work and congregational work. She gives many interesting experiences related by her fifteen Bible women. Mrs. — spoke to a certain shop keeper about his keeping his shop open on Sabbath, telling him it was the Lord's day. The man excused himself, saying, he was afraid he would lose his customers. She assured him that if he would close on Sabbath, the Lord would see to it that he would not lose custom. Sometime afterwards she passed and inquired as to the result. "Thank God!" he said, "I lost neither money nor customers." At the Conference I had an interesting conversation with one of Miss Thompson's Bible women noted for her ability in dealing with Moslems. She is fearless and has the mind of a lawyer. She was telling a bit of her own history. The first thing I did when I decided to become a Bible woman was to sell all my jewelry. "What did you do with the money," I asked. In a quick, business-like tone of voice she replied, "I bought a piece of land with it out at Zeitoun." She never takes a satchel or the usual bundle of clothes with her when she goes on a trip, she just puts them all on her back, then when she arrives at her destination she takes off a few layers.

Fierce quarrels among neighbors are of rather frequent occurrance in these narrow streets of a city or town in Egypt. The Bible woman always has a practical theme for a sermon on forgiveness. The Benha Bible woman one day going into the house of one of her Coptic pupils found well under way a quarrel between

her and her Moslem neighbor. When she finally succeeded in getting their attention, this is the way she put it at them: "How many Gods are there?" "One," was the reply. "How many men did he create?" "One," was the reply. "Then we all are from that one man?" "Yes," was the reply. "And Christ is from God." There was a peace-making time. The evil spirit was silenced.

Mrs. Hart, speaking of the work of her Bible women, says: "One fine woman says her teacher is better to her than all the priests that she knows. 'She has taught me how to forgive one who has wronged me so that my life was bitter. I could find no way to get redress for the wrong done me, so I had lived in bitterness and hatred for years. Since I have learned from the teacher's precious lips how to forgive, I am quiet and at peace.' The daughter of one of our Moslem pupils was married not long ago, but in a short time was divorced and went back home. The mother received her without complaint and when the husband's people came in to quarrel with them the mother refused and said, 'You ought to learn what the Christians' Book teaches about living kindly together.' A very fanatical Coptic woman lived in a house which was visited by the Bible woman. She pretended to have no interest and she even scoffed at the work of the teacher. At some time known to God only, her heart was touched and she was led to ask about wrongs in her life. She is now trying to put away her sins which she has confessed."

There is little to mark one year from another in the general features of the Bible women's work and in the number of women influenced. If no new worker is engaged and each gives her whole time to her daily round the statistics of one year's efforts resemble greatly those of its predecessor and fluctuations are largely a matter of accident. But the character and faith of the Bible women affect vitally the character and permanance of the work accomplished, and as they seem to us to be growing spiritually we believe that more is being done for the souls and lives of their pupils than was possible formerly.

The Burden of the Open Door.

What Miss Paden says of Middle Egypt can be said of all Egypt: Dotted all over the green plain of Middle Egypt are brown villages overflowing with life, Moslem women and children for whom nothing is being done. In one such tiny village, as many as thirty children and a dozen or more mothers will gather, with a sprinkling of men. What seems to delight them most is the singing. In one afternoon they learned a verse of a Psalm and at night or by day or the first thing in the morning the little ones would be heard singing, "an 'aleik atakaloo, yefrahoona k u l l a heen." "Those who trust in the Lord are ever joyful." What has been done here could be done in other places, but where are the workers?

Two new Bible women lately started into work, quickly found their days filled up with those eager to learn. The Moslems are even more ready to hear than the Copts. One of the Bible women spends a day every week visiting Moslem villages, going without her dinner in order to save time for preaching.

One would like to have the time to follow up openings amongst wealthy classes. Some of these women are educated, and more and more are becoming educated in these days when Government Schools for girls are being established all over Egypt. Many speak

English and are anxious to receive us on a social basis. Here is our opportunity for the "Ministry of Friendship." If these doors, open doors, could be entered in His name, perhaps through Temperance literature, story parables, music, one might win a hearing for the Word.

One of the privileges of the writer this winter has been to visit several times in the village home of a wealthy Moslem woman, the widow of a Pasha, spending the day with her. She is well versed in her own religion, but she is not unwilling to hear about the Christian religion, and I am glad to say that it comes very easy to talk much with her about the way of salvation through Christ. Only yesterday she spent the day with me here in Tanta. This is the way prejudice is to be broken down. How we glory in the fact of our Christian homes to which we can invite such as she in the Christian homes rapidly springing up all over this land of Egypt, a living vital witness to Christ and His power to transform.

The 116 girls in the Mansoura School are bright, attractive girls. Looking into their faces is an inspiration, for one cannot but be thrilled with the possibilities of the future. 116 girls daily led to the feet of Christ in systematic Bible study to learn of Him; 116 girls led into the spiritual realms of praise and prayer daily; 116 girls daily shown higher and better ideals of life; 116 girls daily trained along lines of self-control and mental efficiency, such as domestic science and sewing.

This school is at present superintended by the writer of this report. I have my headquarters in Tanta and go over to Mansoura once a week, spending a couple of days each week. This past year I have been able to visit about twenty-five villages, many of them several times, and it was my plan to get out into many of these hundreds and hundreds needy villages where the gospel message has never yet been given, but I see little hope of doing very much of that as long as I am tied down to a school, so I hope that ere long I may be relieved of this burden.

HIS NAME SHALL ENDURE FOREVER; HIS NAME SHALL BE CONTINUED AS LONG AS THE SUN; AND MEN SHALL BE BLESSED IN HIM; ALL NATIONS SHALL CALL HIM BLESSED.

—PSALM 72:17.

REPORT OF

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

TODAY I bring you no new account of the usual work of our Association. Since the first report was made, every succeeding report relates that the work has prospered, not one stating that it has gone back in any particular, progress and development has been the summing up of every year.

It cannot be otherwise for the work is God's. He has commanded us to do it and we have His promise that it shall be established. When we take a look backward over the years to the day of small things and consider the extent to which the Association has grown, there will at once rush into the mind visions of the hours of perplexity and anxiety as to what course to pursue, what plan to follow to bring the best results to the work in hand. But as we look at it today we are ready to agree that as each step was taken, the next one was made clear to us, and with God's help we have been encouraged to go forward and have always found that the work of our hands has in His own good time and way been blest, and we feel that we can truly say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and as we look forward to the coming time, it is ours to trust more and more for the future. One of the most encouraging features of the work is, that the Presbyterial managers are bringing the needs of the Institutions before their Presbyterials, and it is found that as the knowledge of the work spreads, the interest is increased in loving response throughout the Church. With the exception of July and August the Association has held a regular monthly meeting at which time have been given reports from each department of the work. Each Institution has on its Board of Managers a Corresponding Secretary who reports to the Association at its meeting the fourth Friday of each month all the work or transactions done in her particular Institution, and also, prepares an annual report which is read at the annual meeting of the Association and published in the annual report, so in order to know all about the work done by the Association, read the annual report, and especially the report of the Treasurer and see if your name is there as an annual contributor, and if it is not, please resolve that it will be recorded next year.

The Annual Lawn Fete was held on June 25th and while we had as usual "the rain" there was a hearty response from the many devoted friends of the work. Hundreds of people came together to express their interest in the work, and at the same time find it an enjoyable social event. The net proceeds were $5454.57, the three Institutions sharing in the distribution of it.

The Annual Prayer and Praise Service for the expression of thanks to God for the many blessings upon our work was held September 16th and proved very helpful to all in attendance. The address was given by Rev. R. B. Miller, D. D., and was most inspiring.

During the year some bequests have been received, all of which have been greatly appreciated and worthily applied.

With all the blessings that we have enjoyed we are reminded that here we have no continuing city, some have passed

through deep waters. Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the beloved President of the Association and her sister the President of the Hospital Board in the going home of a much loved sister. She was one of the first Life Directors and was always deeply interested in all departments of the work. Our Corresponding Secretary mourns the loss of a kind and devoted husband. Another of the Board of Directors was called upon to part with her mother, another one a son in the prime of life, still another one to give up two sisters-in-law in the space of ten days. These dear ones have all been promoted to a higher service in the home not made with hands, and while we are sad that we see them no more, we rejoice that with them "all is well." Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadow of death to the sunlight above.
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast,
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.

During the year the Orphans' Home has cared for sixty-five children. There are at present forty-eight in the Home. One little boy has been indentured and three girls and four boys have been sent out for adoption. In two cases two sisters went into one home and two boys into another one. These little boys are orphans. Originally there were four children in this family, all who have been sent out for adoption. Eight children have been returned to parents who have married again. One boy who reached the age limit of fourteen years was taken by his father. Other parents and friends have taken ten; thus you see the family is ever changing. We have an average of eight applications per month for admission. Many of these application blanks are not returned; others are not eligible. All denominations apply, but when there is room for any, the preference is given to the children of our own denomination. All homes are investigated before children are sent to them, and after they are placed in a home they are visited; we also visit all homes before we receive children from them. The children do not wear uniforms and attend the public schools, and to see them you would never know they were from an institution. They have a teacher who comes to the Home one evening every week to teach them games, and one evening to tell them stories. All the holidays and birthdays are celebrated in the Home. It is the custom to have a large cake baked and this with the prescribed number of candles on it is placed just in front of the plate of the little one who happens to be the honor guest. The occasion is always one of interest. On the evening of Washington's birthday the students of the Theological Seminary were entertained by the Board of Managers. The program was informal, but enjoyed by all. The Young Women's Auxiliary has been active and energetic in planning entertainments for the children during the year. Special mention is made of the Auction Tea which was held November 19th and netted the sum of $805.95 to be used for furnishing the dining room when we have a new home.

The managers are still hoping and wishing for an enlarged and modern Home located on a favorable site. They hope the day is not far distant for the realization of their dreams of a new home when no child will be refused admission for lack of room.

Mrs. R. L. Thompson one of the Board of Managers was called from service

here to rest in the Home above on March 3rd. She was deeply interested in all the work of the Home, ready to do her part; her mother-heart always touched with the needs of the little ones in the Home. It seemed to her a joy to labor for the Master.

We also wish to place on record a slight token of love and respect to the memory of Dr. James Witherspoon who answered the call of the Master on February 2nd. He was the physician for the Orphans' Home for several years and always willingly responded to the many calls for his skilled services whether in the Infirmary or in connection with the examination of children for admission into the Home. His labor of love here we are sure is rewarded by rest in the Home of many mansions.

Weep not that their toils are over,
Weep not that their race is run,
God grant we may rest as calmly
When our work as theirs, is done,
We rejoice in the sweet assurance
He giveth His loved ones sleep.

In speaking of the work of Columbia Hospital we feel that in many respects we can say this has been our very best year. Our annual report for 1915 shows that we cared for 2452 patients last year, this being the largest number ever cared for in one year. Of this number 990 were free patients. When we realize that almost one thousand persons received treatment without any expense whatever, do we not imagine that Columbia Hospital meant something to these people. During the past winter the beds in our wards were usually filled as there was a greater amount of sickness this winter than usual. We have not turned any away because of the fact that they had not sufficient money to pay for their care. At one time we had a family of five members in Columbia. These were all treated free.

As the years come and go, there is a greater realization of the fact that if our sick friends are to be restored to health they must receive the very best of care. In order that this may be accomplished the very best nurses are required to nurse them back to health and strength. It is the aim of Columbia to so train her nurses that they are well fitted to enter the homes and minister to the sick and suffering.

Our commencement this year will be held May 23rd, to which you are all invited.

At the present time there is a great demand for male nurses, and we would be glad to have more young men enter our training school. The young women are required to spend three years in training and the young men two years.

We are glad to know that such a large number of our congregations and missionary societies have shown their interest in our work. We have received most generous donations of fruits, jams, and jellies. These donations have come to us from as far East as New York and as far West as Illinois. This is an evidence that the work of Columbia is becoming better known in our congregations. More of our congregations have done sewing for us this year than ever before in our history. The managers realize that we are always more interested in a work if we have seen something of it. In order that our friends who have been so kind to us might see something of our work it was decided to have a series of teas and invite the members of the missionary societies to come and visit the Hospital As it was impossible to have all come at once the societies were divided into sections. We have had two of these teas. The guests

are shown through the Hospital and given the privilege of asking questions in regard to the work. Light refreshments are served to the guests.

Our Young Women's Auxiliary is composed of active young women who are ever planning for the interests of Columbia. These young women provide a very generous Thanksgiving dinner annually for all in Columbia. The Auxiliary gave a concert in Carnegie Music Hall on February 11th for the benefit of the Hospital. The amount sent to the Treasurer was $1200 to be applied to the debt on the Hospital.

Perhaps no part of our work has brought more real pleasure to the workers than the fact that our Hospital cares so cheerfully for our missionaries. To any one familiar with this, to the question, "Is the Association work a missionary work?" there can be but one answer, "Yes." Since our report to you last year we have had as our guests three of our foreign missionaries and the little daughter of one of our missionares. These guests were with us sixty-nine days. We are very glad if in any way we have been enabled to minister to these servants of our Master.

The Managers of the Hospital are planning a campaign to raise funds for placing Columbia out of debt, this appeal being made through the columns of the United Presbyterian and Christian Instructor during the month of May. We hope there will be a liberal response and that we can soon say, "There is no debt resting on Columbia Hospital."

Another page has been entered in the history of the Home for the Aged, and while we feel we have not done as much as we had hoped to do we recognize the fact that perhaps the things we longed for would not have been best for us.

The members of the Board have all been diligent in the various departments, serving on committees and keeping a careful supervision over the wants of all. Our Home has been full to overflowing all the year and only as a vacancy occurs by death can another be admitted. There are eighty-one inmates at present and with the high cost of living you can readily see it requires a goodly sum each month to meet the current expenses; an average of over $1000.00 is required so you can see how much we need your liberal support. To all our yearly contributors we would say we are very grateful and ask you to not pass by the Donation Secretary's report, which records the many good things that have come to us from missionary societies, congregations and individuals. We always need bed linen, towels, table linen and bed furnishings of all kinds, canned fruits and jellies. We think we owe the good health of our aged people to the quantities of good apples we have received from our friends in the country, one man sending forty bushels.

We have had to make a good many repairs this year for you know things will wear out. The Board was appalled and perplexed when it was found the boilers and laundry machinery had to be replaced, for we knew this would involve a great expense, but our extremity was God's opportunity, a member of the Board sending a check for $750 to pay for the repairs to the laundry with the request that the name be withheld.

The Young Women's Auxiliary has as usual been faithful in their labor of love, coming so often with their bright faces, songs and music, not forgetting the refreshments in abundance. The Board feels that in the work of these devoted young women, we have a source of strength and look forward to the future

managers of the Home when the older ones will not be able to keep on in the good work. We hope they will be richly rewarded for each ray of brightness they bring into the lives of those in the Home.

The Sabbath service holds a warm place in the hearts of the family by the continued efforts of the ministers, laymen and others as heretofore. Once a year communion services are held so that those not able to attend service at church have this blessed privilege. Dr. H. S. McClymonds is still the beloved physician. We owe him a debt of gratitude as it is no small matter to attend the many calls of such a large family and to give such service without charge.

It was with deep regret the Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Ecoff who had been the matron of the Home for twenty-three years. She came to us in the days of small things and hard work for those who had undertaken to establish a Home for the Aged People of our Church. Under her careful management the Home was always a marvel of neatness, ready for inspection day or night. She always did everything in her power to make the old people happy and contented. We allowed her to go because we felt she needed rest after so many years of faithful service. Our best wishes go with her and we hope many days of comfort may be added to her life.

Several of the Managers have served continuously since the organization of the Board through the difficulties and discouragements of the early days, yet always trusting the promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

But like the brook which goes on forever, I might go on and on. If time permitted I could give you many more interesting items about the work of the Women's Association, but I fear your patience would be exhausted. Now, dear friends, our work is before you, and shall not this branch of the Master's work find a warm place in your hearts and lead all to more liberal deeds?

Though not ours be the gold or rare spices,
The myrrh we can bring to our Lord,
In His name e'en a cup of cold water
In no wise shall lose its reward,
And the sweet "inasmuch" of His promise
Rings out in fullness so free,
As ye've done to the least of my brethren
Ye've likewise done it to Me.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. J. STEELE.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD.

By Jeanette C. Alter, Field Secretary.

A BRIEF summary of the past year's field work shows fifteen Presbyteries visited, one hundred and twenty-four meetings held, and three missionary organizations effected, with considerable desk work between.

The fine stereopticon purchased by our Board for the Field Secretary's use, has been a constant, unfailing companion, throwing more light on mission fields at home and across the sea; visualing facts in a concrete, tangible way—sensing things through the eye gate.

One night at the close of an illustrated lecture, a man who was helping me pack the lantern things, said, "Well, I thought I had read a good bit about missions, but tonight I saw more need in one field than I had supposed there was in the whole world put together;" and who can calculate the effect of these mission scenes upon the impressionable minds of the young? My little friends on the front seat are keenly awake, not merely to what is thrown on the screen, but to the realities of the fields represented; they look with glistening eyes upon the Girls' School at Khartoum North or the Boys' Dormitory at Camden, Alabama, because these places speak to them of the Juniors' Special work.

Another gateway to a better understanding of the methods and conduct of our departments of work is shown in the Standard of Efficiency, which when taken literally spells out the word as shown in the acrostic outlined below:

Point 1—Enlistment of Every woman in the congregation.
(a) to our Treasury.
(b) to Isaiah 41:6 Fund.
Point 2—Found Faithful (c) to all departments of W. G. M. S.
Point 3—Found Faithful in reports, contingent fees and pledges.
Point 4—Intensive Interest in missionary investments.
Point 5—Certified Call to united prayer.
Point 6—Information and Inspiration in monthly installments.
Point 7—Educative Energy stored for missionary effort.
Point 8—Neverfailing Necessary adjuncts to our women's work.
Point 9—Counting Cash on the Lord's tenth.
Point 10—Yielding Yearly returns for daily benefits.

Efficiency is the elemental thought of today, and out of the horrors of the European war we are learning that it is but another form of preparedness. The new literature of today has rescued women's clubs, generally speaking, from an aimless, sometimes sinful waste of time in merely society functions and confronted them with problems relating to civic reform; calling them into intelligent, sympathetic, practical endeavor looking toward the betterment of social conditions. In the purpose which brings us together here, God is calling us into the highest form of social service, and we who are not actually engaged at the front, can serve most effectively through the agency of our up-to-date missionary society. We cannot afford to remain unacquainted with methods and information which if intensively studied and applied will furnish the widest scope for God-given powers and show us approved unto Him.

There is nothing really new in these ten points, just what our Board Secretaries have been faithfully trying to impress upon us year after year, but in this concrete form more easily adapted to the use of our local societies. Please note some changes in the Standard which were ordered at the Xenia Convention; with these it is launched again freighted with earnest prayer to God and faith in our beloved women, that this year will be one of glorious achievement in missionary zeal and service.

GATHERED SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESBYTERIALS.

Have a blackboard on the platform for the statistical secretary's use, opposite the name of each society mark the percentage gained in the Standard of Efficiency, writing in red the one ranking highest; one of the duties of the Presbyterial Statistical Secretary is to get the standing of each society and send in to the General Statistical Secretary in time for her annual report. Where but one Presbyterial is held during the year, can you not arrange your annual meeting with reference to other Presbyterial dates in your Synod, and so avoid unnecessary doubling on routes when a missionary, Board member or Field Secretary is traveling through your section? Have a space on your program for the Quiet Hour; we are so slow to believe that prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands—test God by giving Him the best place, then meet His conditions in John 15:7.

Kansas City had an interesting Thank-Offering service at their April Presbyterial. Following the devotional exercises of the evening session, eight women, generally young women, too, spoke for as many different fields, each relating some incident in connection with the sacrificial Thank-Offering of other peoples, thereby furnishing us some food for solemn reflection.

YOUNG WOMEN'S PLACE.

One evening at the close of an impressive pageant, a young woman, who had been chosen for a leading part because of natural gifts, came to me with a new light in her beautiful eyes; she said, "When I was playing my part tonight it came to me that this is just what I have been doing all along, playing at Christian work, but I am awake now to the seriousness of these things, playing time is over for me and I hope to get the other girls to see things in a different light, too." What is more vitally important than the young women's part in the real work of the Church? Let us at any cost, to ourselves, seek to conserve to our own Church activities the splendid qualities and talents of these daughters designed of the Master as "corner pillars" in His temple; "at any personal cost to ourselves." The degree of a mother's consecration may be measured by her willingness to make the supreme sacrifice in sending a daughter into His service when it will put oceans between; in reply to His question, "Lovest thou me," how often, "Yes, Lord, but self more." Just recently a talented, Christian young woman answered the call to missionary service by saying, "I am ready when my mother gives her consent."

In a picture gallery one day, a hushed, little group stood before that wonderful painting "Christ before Pilate;" the proud, haughty, cynical face of the Roman on the judgment seat in strong contrast to the Son of Man, thorn-crowned, smitten, scourged and bound before the mocking crowd; suddenly the silence was broken by the pleading voice of a little child as she sought to free

herself from her mother's detaining hand, "Mother, mother, let me go, I must untie His hands." God has ordained that human agencies be used to free the hands of power in regions where sin and superstition still hold sway. Mother, are you detaining that precious daughter at home when the nail-pierced hands are beckoning her to the fore? We pray, "Thy Kingdom come," are we ready to stand behind our answered prayers "at any personal cost?"

OTHER DETAINING HANDS.

Just here let me speak of another condition that may be hindering the progress of the Kingdom at both ends of the line; if you have read our church papers, if you have talked with our thoughtful ministers, you must know of the straitened, financial condition of some of our church boards; the possibility of a call for retrenchment will be heart-breaking to the workers on the field and at least painfully humiliating to us at the home base. In some places in the home-land church there are two struggling congregations, near to each other in point of location, but widely separated with relation to their feelings. They might unite in one congregation and use one pastor's salary to support a missionary, but no, the divison was occasioned by a quarrel when the spiritual life was at low ebb, and the handwriting on the wall is plainly visible to all but themselves; and oh, the tragedy of lost opportunity, lost power, lost life.

ALLEGIANCE THE CALL OF THE HOUR.

These days of national danger are demanding a new standard of allegience from every citizen. Surely in view of the unanswered appeals from the mission fields and the present financial situation, we cannot divide our interests and render hyphenated service.

In the last searching analysis as members of the United Presbyterian Church, and of a great missionary organization, but above all, members of the body of Christ, our duty and privilege cannot be misinterpreted, and the glory of performing the work assigned us will be found in the approval of the Master Who inaugurated it and left it in the hands of His followers.

"Laid on thine altar, oh, my Lord divine,
Accept this gift today for Jesus' sake.
I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make.

But here I bring within my trembling hand
This will of mine, a thing that seemeth small,
But thou alone, oh God, canst understand,
How when I yield thee this I yield mine all.

Hidden therein thy searching gaze can see,
Struggles of passion, visions of delight;
All that I am, or have or fain would be—
Deep loves, fond hopes and longings infinite.

It hath been wet with tears and dimmed with sighs,
Clenched in my grasp till beauty hath it none,
Now from thy foot-stool where it vanquished lies,
The prayer ascendeth, may thy will be done.

Take it, oh Father, ere my courage fail
And merge it so in thine own will, that e'en
If in some desperate hour my cries prevail,
And thou give back my gift, it may have been

So changed, so pure, so fair have grown,
So one with thee, so filled with peace divine,
I may not know or feel it as my own,
But, gaining back my will, may find it thine.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, May 26, 1916.

THE ANNUAL Meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America was held Friday, May 26, 1916, in Assembly Hall, Publication Building, 9th Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at ten o'clock.

Mrs. Yourd, President of the Board presiding, led devotional exercises; Miss Elizabeth Wishart and Mrs. Mary B. Phillips led in prayer; devotional exercises closed with prayer by Miss Carrie Reed.

The following delegates, life members and members of the Board responded to roll call.

Allegheny Presbyterial: Miss Grace Smith, Miss Rachel McGill, Miss Elizabeth Wishart, Mrs. W. H. Vincent, Mrs. F. A. Gaut, Mrs. Jones, Miss Bella K. Lockhart, Mrs. Jean Williams, Mrs. D. A. McClanahan.

Monongahela: Mrs. Mary B. Phillips, Miss Wild, Miss Edna Hormel, Miss Nancy McCormick, Mrs. H. D. Fulton, Mrs. McCreery, Mrs. J. C. Hare.

Beaver Valley: Mrs. W. S. Hawkins.

Life Members: Mrs. Stotts, Mrs. R. H. Hood.

Members of the Board: Mrs. J. B. Hill, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. J. S. Maxwell, Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Mrs. Mary C. Porter, Mrs. J. D. Sands, Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Mrs. Samuel Yourd, Miss Carrie M. Reed, Miss Ida B. Little, Mrs. John S. Crawford.

The Secretary presented the business of the Xenia Convention, together with the recommendations, resolutions, etc.

The following reports were adopted: Recording Secretaries, Statistical Secretary, (The action of the Statistical Secretary in striking out figures where self-supporting congregations reported congregational work was approved.) Treasurer's, Secretary of Finance, Young Women's, Junior, Ministerial Relief, Parsonage, Indian, Literature, Junior Magazine by Editor and Business Manager, Women's Magazine, Foreign, Temperance, Field Secretary and Women's Association.

The report of the nominating committee:

President: Mrs. R. A. Elliott, Cambridge, Ohio.

First Vice President: Mrs. Ben R. McClellan, Xenia, Ohio.

Second Vice President: Mrs. R. J. Hutton, Detroit, Mich.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. T. Logue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Board of Directors: Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Mrs. Samuel Yourd, Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble and Mrs. John S. Crawford.

Magazine Committee: Mrs. George Moore and Miss Hazel Flagg, the latter to take the place of Mrs. Kelso who at her own request retires after twenty-one years of faithful service as treasurer.

The Committee of Place with Mrs. J. L. Acheson, Chairman, presented a very pressing invitation from Sterling, Kans., for the Convention of 1917. Report adopted.

The report of Committee on Resolutions adopted and also the following motion:

Moved by Mrs. Campbell that the Corporation express its appreciation of and gratitude to the members of the Local Executive Committee of the Xenia Convention for their untiring labors for nearly a year on behalf of those who were permitted to attend the Convention of 1916. They were instant in season and no detail was omitted that could in any way add to the comfort of their guests and that the Magazine Committee be thanked for the beautiful programs donated by it. Unaminously adopted.

Report of Committee on Recommendations adopted as a whole.

Moved by Mrs. Porter that the Corporation recommend the sessions at Convention be defined as follows:

One session Friday.
Two sessions Saturday.
One Sabbath evening.
Three sessions Monday.
Three sessions Tuesday.
Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Hare that we make a more strenuous effort at once to push the matter of securing Annuity Bequests from the women of the Church. Motion carried.

Minutes read and adopted.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

MRS. JOHN S. CRAWFORD,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE REPORT of the Treasurer has little opportunity to vary in its nature from year to year. It is chiefly a record of figures, a statement of balances, receipts, and disbursements. However, in the business in which the W. G. M. S. is engaged, the business of helping to win the world for Christ, as in all business enterprises, money is a very important factor, and in order that the business may prosper, the financial end should receive careful and thoughtful consideration.

The report shows that the total receipts from all sources for the year ending April 15, 1916, amount to $229,400.35, being the second time in the history of the organization when its receipts for any one year passed beyond the $200,000.00 mark.

While this sum was actually received and credited to the various accounts, it was not all for use in meeting the year's expenses. $16,000.00 of the receipts came from matured investment of endowments, and had to be re-invested; $7581.90 was for India Permanent Equipment Fund; $3700.00 was for annuities; $16,583.30 for the building fund for the Girls' Boarding School, Tanta; and $6499.90 was part of a bequest from the late Mrs. Mary B. Ashton, the income only available for use in the work. All these sums have been put on interest and are held for the purpose designated, leaving $179,535.24 less $4000.00, a gift for a special purpose, or $175,535.24 to meet the expenses of the work during the year.

The principal sources of our income are the regular funds of societies supplemented by the Annual Thank-Offering.

The receipts from the sixty-three Presbyterials contributing, exclusive of Thank-Offerings, amounted to $70,980.42. Thirty-three Presbyterials increased their gifts over those of last year, but the total increase is only $110. As societies increase in number and membership, and the members become more intelligent concerning the work,

and more loyal to it, gifts from this source should steadily increase.

The amount of the 1914 Thank-Offering which was distributed and received into the various departments, July, 1915, was $78,454.51. Its distribution is shown on the report, and is easily understood. The $10,390.25 in the last column includes two items, $9877.25 of special designations for the building fund for the Girls' Boarding School, Tanta, and $512.50 designated for the Sarah Foster Hanna Memorial.

Other sources of income are legacies, interest from endowments, repayments on loans, and special gifts from individuals, Sabbath Schools, and Congregations, the last largely in payment of pledged salaries.

Interested friends of missions, when making final disposition of their earthly possessions, have from time to time, remembered the work of the W. G. M. S. During the past year, the following bequests were received: $500 from the estate of Miss Sadie McNeal, for Foreign Work; $500 from the estate of Mr. J. P. Knox, $250 for work in Egypt and $250 for the Warm Spring Indian Mission: $5, the balance of a bequest from Miss Agnes Melville, for Indian Missions; and $6499.90 from the estate of Mrs. Mary B. Ashton. From the last estate $13,634.90 has been received, income only to be used, three-fifths in Foreign Work and two-fifths in Home Work. While these kind friends do rest from their labors, truly their works do follow them.

Another method of giving which is meeting with favor as a substitute for bequests, is giving on the annuity plan. Such funds are given with the understanding that during the life of the donor or beneficiary, she receives a stated income semi-annually, and at her death, the principal reverts to the Board for use in whatever line of work designated. The plan commends itself as a safe investment, and investors besides securing a safe and steady income, have the satisfaction of knowing that at their death, their money will be used as they desire. During the year, received three such annuities, amounting to $3700. That makes nine such funds in our hands, a statement of which appears on the last page of this report.

We are exceedingly grateful to those who have assumed the payment of the salary of one or more missionaries. Last year we had on our roll the names of ninety missionaries, eighty-four of whom received salary, six being in this country without salary. The salaries of forty-three of the eighty-four were paid in full, thirty-six were only partially paid, and there were five to whose salary nothing was contributed. If we could have every salary pledged and every salary paid in full, we would be relieved of a burden of work and worry at the close of the year, for every year it is quite a problem to find out where we are going to get the amount necessary to close out the various salary accounts.

The total disbursements for the year amount to $191,585.22, $28,290 more than last year. The excess is largely accounted for by the fact that $10,000 was forwarded to Egypt for the addition to and repairs on Tanta Hospital, and $16,000 was the amount of endowments re-invested.

The statement on the first page of this report shows the receipts in the various departments with the disbursements from each, and the credit balance in each when the accounts closed, April 15, 1916.

It is a matter of profound gratitude that again we are privileged to report all obligations met and all balances on the

right side of the ledger. The total cash balance on hand being $101,421.31.

This is a large balance, but do not forget that it includes $45,271.20, the building fund for the Girls' Boarding School, Tanta, the missionaries deeming it very unwise to undertake any new building in the present unsettled condition of affairs in Europe. It also includes $12,027.31, the amount on hand for permanent equipment in India, and $13,664.90 of the Mary B. Ashton bequest, to which reference has already been made, and also $341 held for a reserve fund for the Junior Missionary Magazine, leaving a balance of $30,-365.23 in our checking account, a fair balance to work on until societies begin to remit, but which it will not take long to exhaust with payments averaging $12,000 or $13,000 per month.

The year has been a busy one, but its accounts are all now closed, and its record is a part of the past. "Before our feet untrodden lies another year, we know not what for us it holds, if we shall walk through dreary worlds or pleasant ways," but with gratitude to God for His unerring guidance and support in the past, we confidently enter the new year, relying upon Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.

OUR AIM

Is to place The Women's Missionary Magazine in 16000 Homes
BY MAY 1, 1917

HOW IT CAN BE DONE:

If 100 Congregations will each take 50 Magazines	5000
If 300 Congregations will each take 20 Magazines	6000
If 300 Congregations will each take 10 Magazines	3000
If 400 Congregations will each take 5 Magazines	2000
	16000

The above is on a basis of 1100 congregations which we have, and no one is able to compute the results of such a wide-spread effort as herein planned.

WHICH ONE IS YOUR LIST?

All cannot reach the highest mark—but all can do something—choose your best and make the effort to place the Magazine in every home in your congregation.

We can do it if we will. Will YOU Help? Begin Now.

ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES AND INCOME.

MARTHA J. McKOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, TANTA, EGYPT.

Name.	Endowment.	Income.
Mrs. I. H. Jamison	$1,000.00	$60.00
John Denham and Sisters	1,000.00	60.00
Mrs. O. E. P. Stokes	1,000.00	60.00
Junior Missionary Society	1,000.00	60.00
Mary Gettis Carson	1,000.00	60.00
Margaret Armstrong Carson	1,000.00	60.00
Mrs. Eliza Clokey	1,000.00	60.00
Argyle O. Y. P. C. U.	1,000.00	60.00
W. M. S., Chartiers Presbytery	1,000.00	60.00
Mrs. Mary B. Reid	1,000.00	60.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	1,000.00	60.00
Margaret Louise Dales	1,000.00	60.00
Mrs. Margaret McKallor	1,000.00	60.00
William Harvey	1,000.00	60.00
Eleanor Porterfield	1,000.00	60.00
Rev. Alexander McLeod Milligan	1,000.00	60.00
Mrs. Lucy Young		72.00

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, JHELUM, INDIA.

Anna Reid	600.00	36.00
Mrs. Sarah A. Reed	600.00	36.00
Mrs. Ellen Dean	600.00	36.00
Miss Lulu Dean	600.00	36.00
Mrs. I. H. Jamison and Miss Herron	600.00	36.00
Gordon Memorial	600.00	36.00
Mrs. Martha E. Wilson	600.00	36.00
M. A. Krohn	600.00	36.00
W. M. S., Mercer Presbytery	600.00	36.00
Junior Missionary Society	1,000.00	60.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	350.00	21.00
C. D. Bent	600.00	36.00
Paul Krohn	500.00	36.00
Junior Life Membership	350.00	21.00

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SIALKOT, INDIA.

Mrs. Mary B. Reid	600.00	36.00
Three (3) Junior Life Memberships	1,050.00	63.00
Isabel Milligan	600.00	36.00
Jane Anita Milligan	350.00	21.00
Mrs. A. M. Stewart	650.00	39.00
Mr. J. M. Stewart	350.00	21.00
Margaret Williams	350.00	21.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Adair Currie	600.00	36.00
Edith M. Fulton	600.00	36.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	350.00	21.00
Mrs. Ella Easton McGowan	600.00	36.00

JUBILEE HOSPITAL, HENDERSON, N. C.

Junior Life Membership	500.00	30.00

ANNUITIES AND INCOME.

Name.	Investment.	Income.
Mary Slemmons Fund	$1,000.00	$ 60.00
Avis Cornelia White Fund	2,500.00	150.00
Mrs. Margaret S. McClure	1,000.00	60.00
Mrs. Lawrence Johnston	1,000.00	60.00
A Friend	400.00	12.00
Jane Slemmons	500.00	30.00
Mrs. J. S. Barr's Bequest	500.00	30.00
Rosaline Kellogg Fund	500.00	
Robert Telford Fund	950.00	
Ellen Clark Memorial	200.00	
E. D. Anderson Fund	3,000.00	

Report of the Contributions to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign Missions	Foreign Salaries	Home Missions	Indian Missions	Freedmen's Missions	Junior Special	Church Exten. and Parsonage	Ministerial Relief	Young Women's Special	Junior Life Membership	Senior Life Membership	Contingent Fund	Women's Asso. Work: Orphans' Home	Women's Asso. Work: Home for Aged People	Women's Asso. Work: Columbia Hospital	Temperance	Isaiah 41:6 Fund	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Albany	30.00	95.00				9.00			27.00										161.00
Allegheny	1981.00	1700.00	1392.00	250.00	504.00	352.00	203.00	195.00	201.00							52.00	20.50	494.00	7344.50
Argyle	105.00	550.00	325.00	5.00	20.00	82.00			4.00			5.00							1096.00
Arkansas Valley	71.00	301.00	97.00	33.00	44.00	38.00	28.00	20.00	25.00			5.00				6.00	6.00	1.00	675.00
Beaver Valley	368.00	705.00	288.00	103.00	237.00	69.00	65.00	65.00	184.00			5.00				52.00	44.05	68.00	2253.05
Big Spring	235.00		108.00	8.00	21.00	18.00	7.00	1.00								25.00	1.00	1.00	425.00
Boston	110.00	550.00	107.00	35.00	67.00	35.00	20.00	32.00	28.00			5.00				20.00	1.00		1010.00
Brookville	31.00	82.00	39.00	8.00	32.00		2.00					1.00				5.00			200.00
Butler	214.00	600.00	167.00	62.00	95.00	58.00	58.00	38.00	151.00				89.00			28.00	13.00	1.00	1574.00
Caledonia	361.00	245.60	74.00	26.00	99.00	17.00	13.00	11.00	86.00				4.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	1.00		945.60
Cedar Rapids	145.00	550.00	106.00	158.00	95.00	47.00	22.00	21.00	46.00			5.00	2.00	5.00			1.00	1.00	1204.00
Chartiers	398.00	1460.00	385.00	93.00	158.00	120.00	42.00	43.00	259.00			5.00	59.00	22.00	12.00	43.00	11.00		3110.00
Chicago	147.00	518.50	154.00	46.00	88.00	38.00	23.00	24.00	22.00					5.00		35.00	15.60		1116.10
Cleveland	182.00	755.00	188.00	60.00	133.00	97.50	63.00	44.00	66.00			5.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	14.00	23.45	3.00	1650.95
College Springs	55.00	1042.00	86.00	24.00	43.00	67.00	15.00	10.00	27.00			5.00	5.00		5.00	14.00	11.00		1409.00
Colorado	100.00	501.00	65.00	39.00	47.00	59.00	22.00	14.00	67.00			5.00				8.00	8.00	11.00	946.00
Concordia	37.00	120.00	35.00	5.00	28.00	6.00	2.00	3.00								1.00		1.00	238.00
Conemaugh	67.00	450.00	61.00	19.00	27.00	63.00	16.00	11.00	16.00			5.00				4.00	1.00	1.00	741.00
Delaware	93.50	481.50	76.00	22.00	30.00	24.00		5.00	25.00			5.00	2.00	2.00		11.00	5.00	1.00	783.00
Des Moines	33.00	469.00	75.00	36.00	32.00	37.00	15.00	16.00	71.00							5.00	5.00	10.00	804.00
Detroit	166.00	74.00	38.00	15.00	334.00		20.00	20.00	64.00			5.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	14.00		5.00	772.00
Frankfort	73.00		47.00	2.00	32.00	60.00													214.00
Garnett	46.00	144.00	42.00	7.00	17.00	8.00	13.00	6.00	35.00			1.50				1.00	.75	10.00	331.25
Hudson	42.00	25.00	32.00	5.00	5.00	17.00		5.00				5.00					2.00		138.00
Idaho	38.00		40.00	9.00	15.00	5.00	9.00	6.00	11.00			1.00				1.00	15.00		150.00
Illinois Central	61.00	61.00	62.00	29.00	38.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	20.00							10.00	2.00		323.00
Illinois Southern	40.00	1088.00	56.00	24.00	28.00	43.00	13.00	10.00				1.00	17.00	4.00	4.00	17.00		1.00	1346.00
Indiana	91.00	316.00	122.00	20.00	44.00	35.00	18.00	23.00	44.00				2.00	3.00	2.00	16.00			736.00
Indiana Northern	28.00	12.00	32.00	4.00	14.00	6.00	11.00	1.00								1.00			109.00
Iowa Northwestern	32.00	25.00	25.00	12.00	24.00	1.50	2.00	1.00				1.00				4.00	9.00		136.50
Kansas City	74.00	198.00	57.00	22.00	32.00	14.00	9.00	9.00	21.25			4.00	8.00	5.00		6.00	4.00		463.25
Keokuk	36.00	510.00	231.00	16.00	47.00	7.00	6.00	3.00	72.00			5.00				8.00	2.00		943.00
Kiskiminetas	114.00	60.00	113.00	20.00	38.00	24.00	17.00	10.00	50.00			4.00	4.00			10.00	4.00	4.00	472.00
Lake	180.00	348.00	182.00	22.00	76.00	55.00	52.00	20.00	122.00			5.00				3.00	10.00	10.00	1085.00
LeClaire	53.00	60.71	41.00	12.00	35.00	10.00		4.00											215.71
Los Angeles	494.00	550.00	208.00	72.00	115.00	16.00	65.00	51.00	52.00			5.00				15.00	7.00	10.50	1660.50
Mansfield	66.00	128.00	30.00	1.00	19.00	12.00		3.00	26.00				1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	293.00
Mercer	114.00	1100.00	72.00	31.09	50.00	36.00	19.00	6.00	110.00			5.00	63.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	4.00		1641.09
Monmouth	122.00	562.00	145.00	24.00	126.00	15.00	28.00	17.00	124.00							26.00	4.50		1193.50
Monongahela	1590.00	6828.00	3138.35	334.00	1241.00	489.00	241.00	204.00	360.00			15.00				174.00	112.00	28.00	14754.35
Muskingum	255.00	965.00	139.00	58.00	111.00	88.00	47.00	42.00	101.00			5.00	5.00	2.00		8.00	7.00	8.00	1841.00
New Jersey	200.00		42.00		14.00	12.00			35.00										303.00
New York																			
Ohio First	124.00	650.00	200.00	18.00	66.00	60.00	46.00	44.00	64.00			5.00				9.00	6.00		1292.00
Oklahoma	18.00	50.00	39.00	7.00	9.00	2.00						3.00	5.00		5.00		7.00		145.00
Omaha	85.00		57.00	32.00	66.00	5.00	23.00	18.00	118.00							3.00			407.00
Oregon	101.50	260.65	67.00	28.00	26.00	9.00	14.00	14.00								5.00			525.15
Pawnee	70.00		70.00	30.00	39.00	11.00	36.00	3.00								10.00	4.00		273.00
Philadelphia	413.00	550.00	308.00	17.00	35.00	73.00	15.00	16.00	145.00			5.00	11.00	1.00	1.00	30.00	24.00	5.00	1649.00
Pittsburgh	45.00	20.00	28.00		7.00	5.00	5.00										5.00		115.00
Puget Sound	61.00	45.00	41.00	16.00	12.00		3.00	3.00					1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00			191.00
Rock Island	232.00		128.00	40.00	71.00	32.00	27.00	26.00	90.00				3.00	3.00	3.00	7.00	6.00		668.00
																	1.00		835.00

Puget Sound													3.00	3.00	3.00	7.00	6.00			668.00
Rock Island	232.00		128.00	40.00	71.00	32.00	27.00	26.00	90.00								1.00			835.00
San Francisco	147.00	486.00	58.00	43.00	67.00	11.00	8.00	8.00	6.00			1.00	6.00	3.00	1.00	5.00			1.00	528.00
Sidney	294.00		99.00	17.00	59.00	13.00	21.00	8.00								3.00	7.00			96.00
Spokane	15.00	42.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	4.00	5.00												
Stamford												5.00	3.00				8.00	6.50		938.50
Steubenville	247.00	285.00	117.00	39.00	108.00	35.00	4.00	10.00	71.00							6.00	1.00			114.00
Tennessee	21.00	3.00	19.00	14.00	33.00	15.00			2.00			6.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	3.00			222.50
Texas	21.25	112.00	27.25	13.00	8.00		11.00	7.00								3.00				25.00
Uncompahgre	11.00		5.00	2.00	4.00															80.00
Vermont	29.00		23.00	5.00	19.00		2.00	2.00												
Westmoreland	377.00	765.00	471.00	130.00	187.00	114.60	146.00	110.00	71.00			5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	17.00	8.00	1.00		2422.60
Wheeling	348.00	618.00	246.00	46.00	107.00	48.00	44.00	41.00	10.00			5.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	13.00	12.00	1.00		1545.00
Wisconsin	56.00	4.00	21.00	13.00	36.00	8.00	9.00	4.00								8.00		14.32		173.32
Xenia	241.00	1100.00	208.00	83.00	101.00	38.00	48.00	34.00	34.00			10.00	13.00			13.00	5.00			1928.00
The Barnes Family		137.50																		137.50
Conemaugh Y. P. C. U.		111.00																		111.00
Miss J. K. Denham & Bro.		275.00																		275.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Taylor		275.00																		275.00
1st Indianapolis Cong.		100.00																		100.00
Miss A. A. Milligan		12.00																		12.00
Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D.		1600.00																		1600.00
McFarland F. & Miss Cm'll		350.00																		350.00
S. S., Norris Sq. Ch., Phila.		500.00																		500.00
North Bend Cong.		550.00																		550.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Paden		500.00																		500.00
Miss Helen T. Brown		110.00																		110.00
S. S., 10th Church, Phila.		187.50																		187.50
Traer Cong.		550.00																		550.00
Miss Anne Wilson		67.40																		67.40
Friends, 1st Wilkinsburg		450.00																		450.00
Friends of Missions		550.00																		550.00
Frenchburg Dist. & Tuitions			750.00																	750.00
Industrial Depts.				716.56														2277.31	6839.85	716.56
Interest	2273.24	14.98	643.68		78.50							1552.14						7412.64	7412.64	6839.85
India Perm. Equipment																		1139.13	18094.27	7412.64
Repayments on Loans			101.25				16853.89										85.05			18094.27
Refunds	547.50	190.00	36.78	32.00	329.50														1220.83	1220.83
Sale of Foreign Reports	325.17																		325.17	325.17
Lost Baggage, Special Gifts																		1656.03	1656.03	1656.03
Bequests																		7504.90	7504.90	7504.90
Annuities																		3700.00	3700.00	3700.00
Individuals	*6344.85	438.00	165.50	111.00	19.00			6.00				500.00				5.25		3.00	7592.60	7592.60
S. S. Classes	88.60		24.00	15.23	11.30	1.50													140.63	140.63
Sale of Cook Book			4.00																4.00	4.00
Sale of Bell				5.00															5.00	5.00
Offering, Spokane Con.												21.35							21.35	21.35
W. M. M.	500.00																		500.00	500.00
M. S. & C. E. Societies	35.00	15.00	25.00	5.00	7.15											2.76		2.00	91.91	91.91
Mission Study Classes	36.80																		36.80	36.80
Congregations			71.50	2.50															74.00	74.00
Items of Cents												3.48							3.48	3.48
Matured Investments	12000.00		500.00															3500.00	16000.00	16000.00
Robt. Telford, Dec'd																		950.00	950.00	950.00
	33786.41	36204.34	13284.31	2539.82	6482.01	2687.10	18519.89	1365.00	3163.25			2240.47	332.00	95.00	62.00	806.01	533.90	28844.33	150945.84	150945.84
1914 Thank-Offering	35369.42	5.00	6058.00	2300.00	14000.00	25.00	1000.00	500.00		2470.00	4500.00	1796.84			40.00			†10390.25	78454.51	78454.51
Actual Receipts	69155.83	36209.34	19342.31	4839.82	20482.01	2712.10	19519.89	1865.00	3163.25	2470.00	4500.00	4037.31	332.00	95.00	102.00	806.01	533.90	39234.58	229400.35	229400.35
Transfers	12995.78	5493.02	3500.00	255.00	3107.10						50.00	1046.80						† 5257.50	31705.20	31705.20
Grand Total	82151.61	41702.36	22842.31	5094.82	23589.11	2712.10	19519.89	1865.00	3163.25	2470.00	4550.00	5084.11	332.00	95.00	102.00	806.01	533.90	44492.08	261105.55	261105.55

BEQUESTS: Miss Sadie McNeal, $500.00; Mrs. Mary B. Ashton, $6499.90; Mr. James P. Knox, $500.00; Balance of Miss Agnes Melville's Bequest, $5.00.

*Includes $4000.00 for home for women, care of Miss E. D. Anderson, India, by Mrs. E. S. Temple, Paxton, Ill.

*Includes $1200.00 for erection of school building at Wady Halfa, Sudan, by Mr. Wm. Little, Sparta, Ill.

†For G. B. S., Tanta, $15647.75.

MRS. J. B. HILL, Treasurer, 5845 Marlborough St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1916.

	Bal. April 15, 1915 Dr.	Bal. April 15, 1915 Cr.	Receipts	Disbursmts.	Bal. April 15, 1916 Dr.	Bal. April 15, 1916 Cr.
Foreign Missions, General	.....	.....	$ 48668.24	$ 48668.24	.....	.....
Foreign Missions, Salaries	.....	9467.96	41702.36	40668.50	.....	10501.82
Girls' School, Sialkot	.....	106.57	550.00	575.00	.....	81.57
Girls' School, Sangla Hill .	.....	307.00	343.00	623.00	.....	27.00
Girls' School, Luxor	.....	51.42	343.00	350.00	.....	44.42
Sialkot Hospital	.....	544.22	5117.00	4975.00	.....	686.22
Jhelum Hospital	.....	124.59	6839.00	6887.00	.....	76.59
Tanta Hospital	.....	1213.00	14090.99	12520.00	.....	2783.99
Foreign Missions, Special	.....	530.84	6200.38	2219.88	.....	4511.34
Home Missions, General ..	.....	17736.07	22842.31	24827.49	.....	15750.89
Indian Missions, U. S.	.....	1219.09	5094.82	4886.41	.....	1427.50
Freedmen's Mission, Gen'l	.....	207.91	23589.11	23659.10	.....	137.92
Church Ex. & Parsonage ..	.....	11452.57	19519.89	18817.65	.....	12154.81
Junior Special	.....	.....	2712.10	2712.10	.....	.....
Young Women's Special ..	.....	.....	3163.25	3163.25	.....	.....
Ministerial Relief	.....	425.93	1865.00	1202.69	.....	1088.24
Orphans' Home, Allegheny	.....	.....	332.00	332.00	.....	.....
Columbia Hospital	.....	.....	102.00	102.00	.....	.....
Aged Peoples' Home	.....	.....	95.00	95.00	.....	.....
Lost Baggage Fund	.....	.....	1869.35	1869.35	.....	.....
Contingent Fund	.....	.....	5084.11	5084.11	.....	.....
Life Memberships, Senior	.....	.....	4550.00	4550.00	.....	.....
Life Memberships, Junior	.....	.....	2470.00	2470.00	.....	.....
Temperance	.....	556.06	806.01	852.65	.....	509.42
Loan Investments	22495.37	.....	1036.63	.....	21458.74	.....
Legacies	.....	7165.00	7504.90	1005.00	.....	13664.90
Women's Missionary Mag.	.....	.....	3240.00	3240.00	.....	.....
Home for Miss. Children..	.....	.....	102.50	102.50	.....	.....
Girls' School, Tanta	.....	29707.90	16583.30	1020.00	.....	45271.20
Mary Herron Rest Home..	.....	.....	570.00	500.00	.....	70.00
Junior Magazine Reserve .	.....	340.00	41.00	.....	.....	381.00
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	.....	.....	533.90	.....	.....	533.90
India Perm. Equip. Fund .	.....	4445.41	7581.90	.....	.....	12027.31
Annuities and Interest ...	.....	500.00	4500.00	4800.00	.....	200.00
S. F. Hanna Memorial	.....	.....	512.50	512.50	.....	.....
Robert Telford Fund	.....	.....	950.00	.....	.....	950.00
	.....	.....	*261105.55	223290.42	.....	.....
Less Transfer of Funds ..	.....	.....	31705.20	31705.20	.....	.....
TOTALS	$22495.37	$86101.54	$229400.35	$191585.22	$21458.74	$122880.04

Cash Balance on Hand April 15, 1915	$ 63606.17
Receipts for the Year Ending April 15, 1916	229400.35
TOTAL	$293006.52
Disbursements for the Year Ending April 15, 1916	191585.22
Cash Balance on Hand April 15, 1916	$101421.30

I have examined the accounts of Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer, for the year ending April 15, 1916, and find them correct. The foregoing is a correct statement of receipts and disbursements during the year and of balances at the beginning and close of the year. Well done good and faithful servant.

A. F. SAWHILL, Auditor.

*Receipts include the 1914 Thank-Offering, $78454.51.

A STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.

(XENIA REVISION)

For Women's and Young Women's Missionary Societies.

Study to show thyself approved unto God.—2 Tim. 2:15.

I. A ten per cent. increase in membership over statistical report of previous year.

II. (Sec. A). All missionary society funds to be sent through the Presbyterial treasury to treasurer of Women's General Missionary Society, and designated solely for Women's Work. (Sec. B). A contribution to be sent to the Isaiah 41:6 Fund. (Sec. C). Note revision—Contributions to all departments of our W. G. M. S. equal at least to those of previous year.

III. All reports, contingent fees and pledges attended to promptly when due.

IV. A definite share in Home or Foreign Missionary's salary.

V. A prayer circle, with a prayer cycle in the hands of every member.

VI. At least a ten per cent. gain in number of Magazines taken; also every home in the congregation to be solicited for subscriptions.

VII. A systematic study of mission study text-books, apart from the regular monthly missionary meeting.

VIII. (Sec. A). A Young Women's Missionary Society or a group of young women or girls contributing in some definite way to the support of the W. G. M. S. (Sec. B). A Junior Missionary Society or Little Light Bearers' Band.

IX. An increase in number of tithe payers in society, each to contribute according to her own standard of giving.

X. Increase in Thank-Offering, with observance of one week prior to annual in-gathering, for daily praise, intercession and self-denial.

MONTHLY REPORT OF WOMEN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

June 6, 1916.

The Board convened in regular session at ten o'clock in the Board Rooms. Mrs. Yourd conducted devotional exercises; Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Maxwell led in prayer.

Mrs. Yourd reported a check for $200 a gift for Foreign Work.

The re-organization of the Board being next in order, Mrs. Yourd appointed Miss Little and Miss Reed tellers.

Mrs. Porter took the chair and the result of the election as follows:

President: Mrs. Samuel Yourd.

First Vice President: Mrs. Mary C. Porter.

Second Vice President: Mrs. J. D. Sands.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. John S. Crawford.

Treasurer: Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Department Secretaries:—

Statistical, Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble.
Foreign, Mrs. H. C. Campbell.
Home, Mrs. Wm. S. Cook.
Indian, Mrs. Ada K. Wilson.
Parsonage, Mrs. J. D. Sands.
Thank-Offering, Mrs. Mary C. Porter.
Temperance, Mrs. R. C. Morton.
Literature, Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan.
Freedmen, Mrs. Samuel Yourd.
Young Women's, Miss Ida B. Little.
Junior, Mrs. I. H. Milliken.

Editor and Business Manager of Junior Missionary Magazine, Miss Carrie M. Reed.

Railroad, Mrs. J. Howard Maxwell.

Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Ada K. Wilson.

Mr. A. F. Sawhill was re-elected Auditor.

Mr. Wm. A. Wilson was re-elected Attorney.

Mrs. Maxwell was elected Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. J. C. Alter, Field Secretary.

Treasurer reported: Receipts to April 15, $171317.14; receipts April 15 to April 30, $1248.85; disbursements, $599; balance, $171966.99; receipts for May, $3683.68; disbursements, $3717.49.

The salary of the young lady taking the place of Miss Marion Paden has been provided for.

Secretary of Finance reported receipts, $240.17; disbursements, $243.44.

Mrs. Campbell moved that the order of the day immediately after lunch be the distribution of the Thank-Offering.

Mrs. Yourd announced that the Executive Committee would meet during lunch hour and appoint the Committees.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

1:30 p. m. The order of the day being the distribution of the Thank-Offering, prayer for guidance in this very solemn and important part of the work was offered by Mrs. H. C. Campbell.

Mrs. Hill reported total Thank-Offering, $67904.81; interest, $1204.38; total, $69109.19; designations amounted to, $8293.77; balance for distribution, $60815.42.

Foreign, $34500.00.
Home, $7000.00.
Freedmen, $15000.00.
Indian, $2600.00.
Parsonage, $1000.00.
Ministerial Relief, $715.42.

If you compare figures with those of last year you will find we had $7015.42 more for distribution this year. Good! But was this our very best?

Mr. Arter was in our meeting for three minutes and occupied the time pleading for Boys' Dormitory at Arlington.

Dr. W. B. Anderson wrote that the Conference between Boards at New Wilmington would be held August 9th to 11th. Regular Conference August 11th to 20th, 1916.

Mrs. Campbell reported that Miss Mary J. Campbell, Miss Josephine White, Miss Maria White, M. D., and Miss Rosa T. Wilson were entitled to pins.

Indian Secretary reports they would like to have a lantern and slides for use in their department.

Home Secretary received reports from all stations.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Mae Dougherty has been ill since Convention in Xenia.

A pastor has been at Oak Grove Chapel, Rock Island, Ill., since May 1st

Congregation organized with twenty-three members.

Rev. J. E. Heater took charge of the work at Fourth Church, Akron, Ohio, June 1. Miss Workman was released.

Yorba Linda, Cal., congregation organized April 27th, 1916. Members by letter, 15; profession, 1 re-profession, 3.

Dr. Weidler recommends Miss Inez Candle for teacher for next year.

Conference at Chautauqua August 12 to 18, 1916.

Mrs. Mary C. Porter was appointed to conduct Denominational Methods at this Home Mission Conference.

Literature Secretary reported bills and on motion they were ordered paid. Sold $32.76 worth of literature at Xenia Convention.

The Executive Committee report the following appointments:

Executive Committee: Mrs. Yourd, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Reed.

Editorial: Miss R. Elizabeth Milligan, Miss Reed, Miss Little, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Porter.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Trimble.

Junior Committee: Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Mrs. Porter, Miss Reed, Miss Little.

Missionary Applications: Mrs. Wm. S. Cook, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Yourd.

Addresses: Mrs. J. D. Sands, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Maxwell.

Printing Committee: Mrs. I. H. Milliken, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Trimble.

Rooms Committee: Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hill, Miss Milligan.

Young Women's Secretary reported one new society: Allegheny Presbyterial, East Union, President, Miss Nannie Grubbs, Harmerville, Pa.

Freedmen's Secretary was authorized to have buildings painted at Prairie and new water tank, and have a new engine for water plant at Camden.

June 20, 1916.

The regular Board meeting convened at ten o'clock. Mrs. Yourd conducted devotional exercises, Mrs. Morton and Miss Milligan led in prayer.

Mrs. J. W. Duff, Sterling, Kansas, sent names of Local Committee for Convention of 1917 as follows: Mrs. E. C. Wellman, Chairman; Mrs. G. I. Finley, Mrs. Adella Lees, Mrs. J. W. Duff and Miss Myrtle Inches.

Mrs. Hill moved that we continue to credit the Life Memberships to the Thank-Offering after July 1st and that they be designated for another year to Tanta Hospital.

We are pleased to report the second $500.00 check for Magazine Memorial Room in Tanta Hospital from Magazine Committee.

The estimates for our Freedmen's work for the coming year amounts to $17,760.00.

Foreign Secretary received word that the Misses Rosa and Cynthia Wilson and Miss L. B. Hamilton had arrived in this country.

Miss Sidwell, missionary-elect to India, cannot sail before the fall of 1917 on account of death of her father.

Letter from Dr. J. K. Giffen containing report for 1915.

Mrs. Wm. S. Cook was appointed to present to Miss Josephine White a pin in behalf of the W. G. M. S. at the Beaver Valley Presbyterial.

Indian Secretary received reports from Warm Springs, Simnasho and Tama. Mr. Smith reports two added to the church. Mr. Jackson writes that work is progressing nicely at Warm Springs. Mr. J. A. Speer attended to work at Simnasho during Mr. Matthew's absence.

Home Secretary received report from Mrs. J. C. Alter: 124 meetings in 15 Presbyterials during year.

Estimates for Frenchburg for the coming year were presented.

Total expenditures this year, $7779.27.

Mrs. Cook read the standard form of agreement between Audley B. Hamilton, contractor, and the Women's Board of the W. G. M. S. for new dormitory at Frenchburg at cost of $16434.86. This does not include heat or lighting.

MRS. JOHN S. CRAWFORD,
Recording Secretary.

PRESENT ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INDIA.

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, appointed 1881, Gurdaspur.

Miss Minnie E. Beatty, appointed 1912, Sialkot City.

Miss Roma Beatty, appointed 1909, Pasrur.

Miss Lena Brotherston, appointed 1906, Sangla Hill.

Miss Lois Buchanan, appointed 1910, Gujranwala.

Miss Alice G. Burnham, appointed 1915, Sialkot.

Miss Mary J. Campbell, appointed 1884, Pathankot.

Miss A. Laura Cleland, appointed 1903, Sargodha.

Miss Henrietta Cowden, appointed 1905, Sialkot.

Miss Margaret Fehlman, appointed 1913, Gurdaspur.

Miss Bessie Fleming, appointed 1913, Sangla Hill.

Miss E. M. Gordon, appointed 1893, Jhelum.

Miss Nancy Hadley, appointed 1904, Zafarwal.

Miss Jeanette Hopkins, appointed 1912, Khangah Dogran.

Miss Flora Jameson, appointed 1903, Sangla Hill.

Miss Wilhelmina Jongewaard, M. D., appointed 1915, Sialkot.

Miss Harriett Jongewaard, appointed 1915, Sialkot.

Miss Mary Kyle, appointed 1904, Pasrur.

Miss Olive Laing, appointed 1912, Sialkot.

Miss Mary A. Lawrence, appointed 1893, Rawalpindi.

Miss Mary E. Logan, appointed 1891, Jhelum.

Miss Fanny C. Martin, appointed 1895, Rawalpindi.

Miss Jane Martin, appointed 1906, Khangah Dogran.

Miss Mary R. Martin, appointed 1890, Sialkot City.

Miss Jean Morrison, appointed 1895, Lyallpur.

Miss E. W. Maconachie, appointed 1909, Pathankot.

Miss L. A. McConnell, appointed 1902, Lyallpur.

Miss R. A. McCullough, appointed 1879, Gujranwala.

Miss J. P. Simpson, M. D., appointed 1902, Jhelum.

Miss Nannie J. Spencer, appointed 1894, Lyallpur.

Miss Mabel Clare Stewart, appointed 1915, Gujranwala.

Miss Martha Strong, appointed 1915, Sialkot.

Miss Ruth Warnock, appointed 1913, Sargodha.

Miss Maria White, M. D., appointed 1886, Sialkot City.

Miss Dora Whitely, appointed 1911, Zafarwal.

Miss Margaret M. Wilson, appointed 1903, Gujranwala.

Miss Ethel Wilson, appointed 1913, Rawalpindi.

HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM INDIA.

Miss Hazel Bennett, appointed 1909, New Wilmington, Pa.

Miss Laurella Dickson, appointed 1897, Tarkio, Mo.

Miss Kate A. Hill, appointed 1896, Newton, Iowa.

Miss L. B. Hamilton, appointed 1908, 906 Filmore St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss Elizabeth McCahon, appointed 1875, Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Henrietta Moore, appointed 1898, Slippery Rock, Pa.

Miss Josephine Martin, appointed 1896, 3225 Gaylord Ave., Dormont, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Josephine White, appointed 1884, New Castle, Pa.

Miss Cynthia Wilson, appointed 1875, 36 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Miss Rosa Wilson, appointed 1886, 36 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Miss Louise Scott, Missionary-elect.

EGYPT.

Miss A. B. Atchison, appointed 1904, Cairo.

Miss Mary E. Baird, appointed 1913, Tanta.

Miss E. M. Barnes, appointed 1911, Cairo.

Miss Carrie Buchanan, appointed 1893, Cairo.

Miss Anna B. Criswell, appointed 1905, Assiut.

Miss Ella Downie, appointed 1913, Benha.

Miss Margaret Eddy appointed 1914, Cairo.

Miss Davida M. Finney, appointed 1914, Alexandria.

Miss Minnehaha Finney, appointed 1894, Tanta.

Mrs. Nannie J. Finney, appointed 1916, Alexandria.

Miss Edna Jean Giffen, appointed 1915, Cairo.

Miss Alfaretta Hammond, appointed 1904, Beni Suef.

Miss Rena Hogg, appointed 1896, Assiut.

Miss May Holland, appointed 1913, Tanta.

Miss Isabel Hosack, appointed 1912, Tanta Hospital.

Miss Helen J. Martin, appointed 1915.

Miss Olive T. Mason, appointed 1912, Alexandria.

Miss Anna McConnaughy, appointed 1903, Cairo.

Miss Carol McMillan, appointed 1906, Tanta.

Miss Mary M. Pattison, appointed 1912, Cairo.

Miss Margaret Smith, appointed 1872, Cairo.

Miss Nellie C. Smith, appointed 1911, Alexandria.

Miss A. Y. Thompson, appointed 1871, Cairo.

Miss Sadie Thompson, appointed 1913, Tanta.

Miss Laura Walker, appointed 1904, Alexandria.

Miss Ruth A. Work, appointed 1904, Assiut.

HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM EGYPT.

Miss Margaret Bell, appointed 1901, Tarkio, Mo.

Miss Florence A. Hutchison, Missionary-elect.

Miss Jeannette McCrory, Missionary-elect.

Miss Daisy Robertson, Missionary-elect.

Miss Roe O. Williams, appointed 1911, Van Nuys, Calif.

ENROUTE ON FURLOUGH.

Miss Leota Cabeen, appointed 1909.

Miss Helen J. Ferrier, appointed 1900.

Miss Elsie French, appointed 1909.

Miss Roxie Martin, appointed 1901.

Miss Marion Paden, appointed 1902.

SUDAN.

Miss Sarah Isabella Dight, appointed 1914, Khartum North.

HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM SUDAN.

Miss Elsie E. Grove, appointed 1912, Laurel, Pa.

Miss Emma M. McKeown, Missionary-elect.

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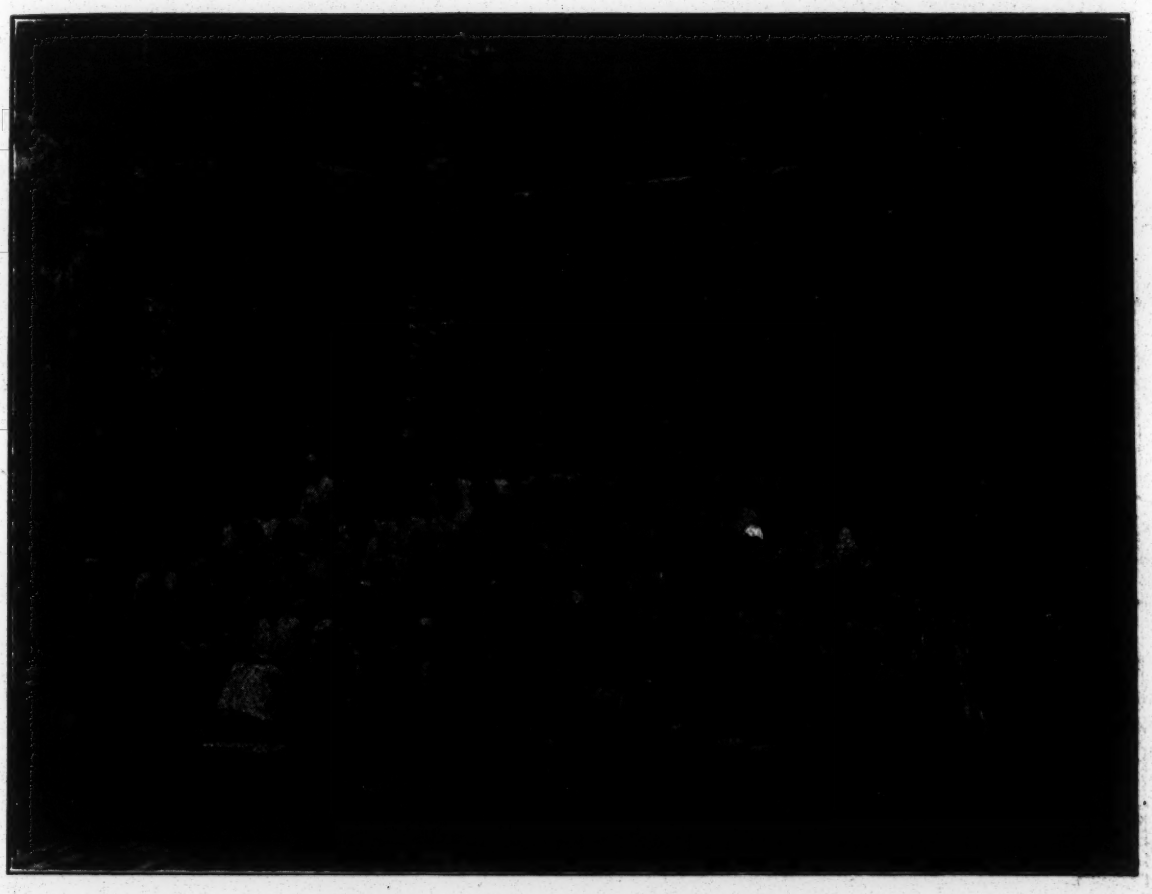

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Representatives from Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee Missions are shown in this group. Also Dr. Work, Dr. Witherspoon and Professor Millin.

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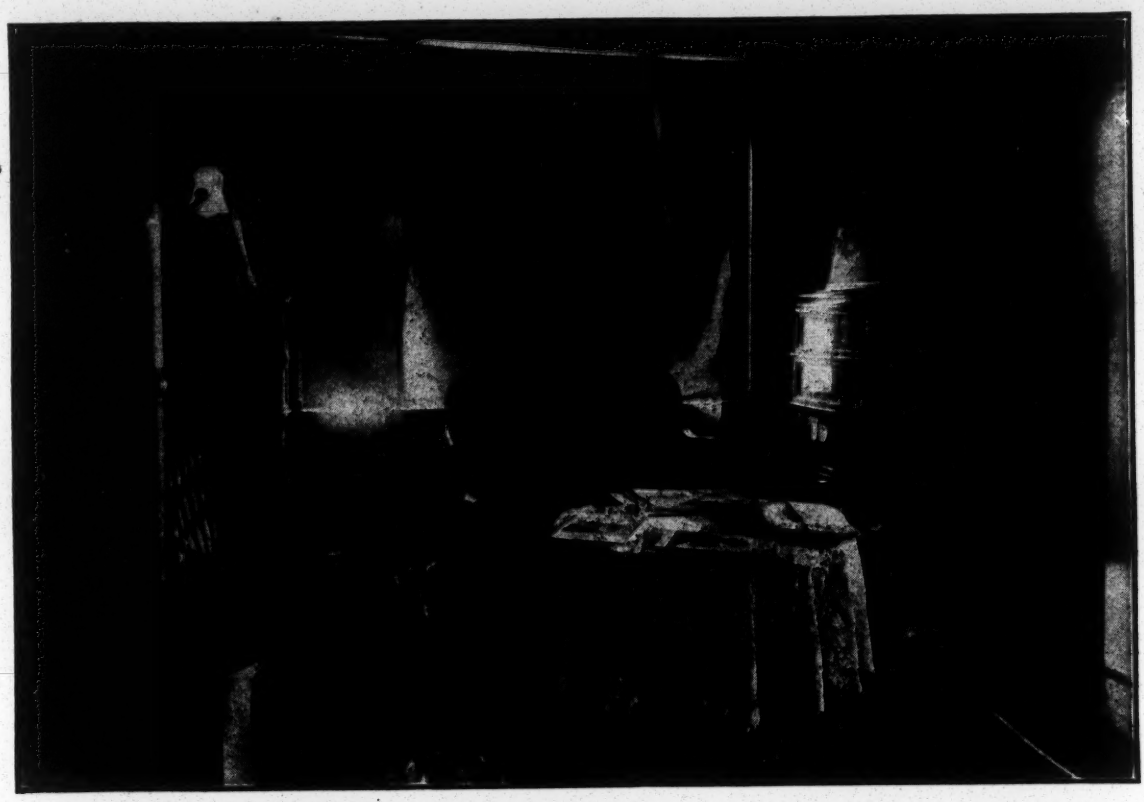

DENTAL PARLORS OF DR. H. STANLEY SULLIVAN, SELMA, ALABAMA.

SHOWING DR. H. M. GREENE IN HIS OFFICE.